

HCANJ BUSINESS MEETING
LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE
July 8, 2026

1. Rule Adoptions

- None to report

2. Rule Proposals

- None to report

3. Health Care Administration Board

- None to report

4. Legislation Enacted into Law

Bill: A5322 Aca (1R)
Sponsors: Verrelli (D15); Brennan (D32); Scutari (D22)
Summary: Imposes temporary \$1 million cap on use of net operating loss deductions under corporation business tax for certain privilege periods.
Related: 2026:S4536
History: 06/23/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Budget Committee.
 06/28/2026—Reported with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 06/30/2026—Passed Assembly 47-22-0. Received in Senate. Substituted for S-4536. Passed Senate 25-15; sent to Governor. **Signed by the Governor P.L.2026, c.21.**
Position: Review

Bill: A5323
Sponsors: Rodriguez, G. (D33); Scutari (D22)
Summary: Modifies eligibility for alternative business calculation adjustment allowed under gross income tax.
Related: 2026:S4537
History: 06/23/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Budget Committee.
 06/28/2026—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 06/30/2026—Passed Assembly 47-23-0. Received in Senate. Substituted for S-4537. Passed Senate 25-15; sent to Governor. **Signed by the Governor P.L.2026, c.22.**
Position: Review

Bill: A5324 Aca (1R)
Sponsors: Murphy (D7); Bagolie (D27); Vitale (D19)
Summary: Establishes fee on certain employers that employ individuals who receive health benefits coverage through State Medicaid program.
Related: 2026:S4533
History: 06/23/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Budget Committee.
 06/28/2026—Reported with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 06/30/2026—Passed Assembly 46-22-0. Received in Senate. Substituted for S-4533. Passed Senate 22-15; sent to Governor. **Signed by the Governor P.L.2026, c.23.**
Position: Monitor

Bill: A5327 (LIV)
Sponsors: Pintor Marin (D29); Park (D37); Sarlo (D36); Greenstein (D14) +2
Summary: Appropriates \$60,743,569,000 in State funds and \$30,495,124,195 in federal funds for the State budget for fiscal year 2027.
Related: 2026:S2027
History: 06/28/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Budget Committee. Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 06/30/2026—Motion to amend on Assembly floor. Motion to table bill 45-21-0. Passed Assembly 58-21-0. Received in Senate. Substituted for S-2027. Motion to amend on Senate floor. Motion to table Senate amendments 25-15. Passed Senate 26-14; sent to Governor. **Signed by Governor w/line-item veto P.L.2026, c.27.**
Position: Seek Amendments

5. Legislation on Governor's Desk

Bill: S1493 Aca (1R)
Sponsors: Cryan (D20); Singer (R30); Stanley (D18) +2
Summary: Updates requirements for licensure in occupational therapy.
Related: 2026:A3381; 2024:A4903; 2024:S3931
History: 01/13/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
 02/12/2026—Reported out of committee. Referred to Senate Budget Committee.
 06/04/2026—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.
 06/18/2026—Passed Senate 35-5. Received in Assembly Appropriations Comm.
 06/28/2026—Transferred to Assembly Budget Committee. Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
06/30/2026—Substituted for A-3381. Passed Assembly 71-5-2. Received in Senate to concur with Assembly amendments. Passed Senate 33-5; sent to Governor.
Position: Monitor
Notes: Establishes a requirement for the Division of Consumer Affairs, in consultation with the Occupational Therapy Advisory Council, to develop continuing competence and professional development requirements for licensed occupational therapists and licensed occupational therapy assistants to renew licenses. Bill also expands the types of issues for which occupational therapy may be sought.

6. Legislative Activity

Bill: A964
Sponsors: Murphy (D7); Verrelli (D15)
Summary: Establishes "Nursing Home Emergency Preparedness Study Commission."
Related: 2024:A3995; 2022:A2263; 2020:A4050
History: 01/13/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.
06/18/2026—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.
Position: Seek Amendments
Notes: Amend to Include HCANJ

Bill: A2207 Aca (1R)
Sponsors: Speight (D29) +4
Summary: The "Certified Medication Aide in Nursing Homes Staffing Support Act;" authorizes certified medication aides to administer medications to nursing home residents.
Related: 2026:S2858; 2024:A4089; 2024:S3796
History: 01/13/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee.
 02/19/2026—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
06/23/2026—Recommitted to Assembly Appropriations Committee. Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
Position: Support

Bill: A4275 Acs (ACS)
Sponsors: Hutchison (D4); Miller (D4); Quijano (D20) +3
Summary: Establishes Statewide dashboard to compile data for certain permits.
Related: 2026:S3613
History: 02/19/2026—Introduced to Assembly Commerce Committee.
 03/09/2026—Reported and referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee.
 05/04/2026—Reported with committee substitute to Assembly Appropriations.
06/23/2026—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
Position: Support

Bill: A4762
Sponsors: Schnall (D30)
Summary: Revises law related to licensure of nursing home administrators.
History: 03/19/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee.
 05/14/2026—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
06/30/2026—Passed in Assembly 79-0-0.
Position: Support
Notes: HCANJ requested legislation.

Bill: A5062
Sponsors: Murphy (D7); McCoy (D14); Karabinchak (D18) +16
Summary: Requires health insurance and Medicaid coverage for testing and treatments to slow progression of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.
Related: 2026:S4073
History: 05/14/2026—Introduced to Assembly Financial Institutions & Insurance Comm.
 06/23/2026—Transferred to Assembly Appropriations Committee. Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
06/30/2026—Passed in Assembly 78-0-1.
Position: Support

Bill: A5185
Sponsors: Stanley (D18); Speight (D29); Simmons (D3); Brennan (D32)
Summary: Revises regulation of certain health care facilities.
Related: 2026:S4395
History: 06/01/2026—Introduced; referred to Assembly Health Infrastructure Committee.
06/15/2026—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations.
Position: Monitor
Notes: This bill was prompted by the abrupt closure of Christ Hospital, but some provisions impact other health care facilities.

- Under this bill, the Commissioner of Health is permitted to debar a health care facility or any individual in the ownership structure of a health care facility licensed under the "Health Care Facilities Planning Act" from eligibility for a certificate of need after a determination that the health care facility has substantial prior or continuing violations of the act or certificate of need requirements.
- Under the bill, various penalties imposed by the department are to increase to \$12,500 for the first offense and \$25,000 for subsequent offenses.
- The bill prohibits the DOH from issuing a certificate of need for the construction or expansion of a hospital if the proposed site of the hospital will be leased from a health care real estate investment trust (REIT).

Bill: S1525
Sponsors: Amato (R9); Singleton (D7) +8
Summary: **Creates offense of financial exploitation of the elderly.**
Related: 2026:A2835; 2024:A4593; 2024:S1887; 2022:S164; 2020:S204; 2018:A3167; 2018:S315; 2016:S266; 2014:A2461; 2012:A2272; 2012:S1047; 2010:S1034; 2008:A1698; 2008:S1663; 2006:A681; 2006:S1155; 2004:A4284; 2004:S2691
History: 01/13/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
06/11/2026—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.
Position: No Position

Bill: S2959 Sca (1R)
Sponsors: Mukherji (D32); Beach (D6) +1
Summary: **Reformats MyNJHelps web-based platform as centralized online resource for all State administered public assistance programs.**
Related: 2026:A2058; 2024:A5441; 2024:S4362
History: 01/13/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
02/09/2026—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.
06/04/2026—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.
06/18/2026—Passed in Senate 40-0. Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee.
Position: Monitor
Notes: Bill requires the commissioner of Human Services to: reformat the MyNJHelps web-based application platform as the State’s centralized online resource for applicants to access information about, apply for benefits to, and check the application status of all State administered public assistance programs; and design a single application, accessible on the MyNJHelps web-based application platform, through which an applicant can apply for all State administered public assistance programs.

7. Legislation Introduced

Bill: A5252
Sponsors: Moen (D5)
Summary: **Establishes "New Jersey Earn and Learn Program;" provides tax credits for employers providing structured apprenticeships and paid internships.**
Related: 2026:S3214
History: 06/15/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Labor Committee.
Position: Review

Bill: A5314
Sponsors: Kearney (D21)
Summary: **Establishes list of essential employees for purposes of travel during state of emergency.**
History: 06/23/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.
Position: Review

- Bill:** A5341
Sponsors: Bergen (R26)
Summary: Establishes Age-Friendly State Advisory Council and New Jersey Age-Friendly Grants Program in DHS.
History: 06/28/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee.
Position: Seek Amendments
Notes: Amend to include HCANJ representative on advisory council.
- Bill:** A5343
Sponsors: Bergen (R26)
Summary: Creates long-term care workforce development program and advisory council.
History: 06/28/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Labor Committee.
Position: Seek Amendments
Notes: Amend to include HCANJ representative on advisory council.
- Bill:** A5344
Sponsors: Bergen (R26)
Summary: Establishes "Senior Social Isolation Prevention and Mental Health Access Act"; makes \$1.8 million appropriation.
History: 06/28/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee.
Position: Monitor
Notes: Community-based oriented.
- Bill:** A5358
Sponsors: Macurdy (D21)
Summary: Establishes "Stop Corporate Money in Politics Act"; restricts right of certain business entities to make contributions and expenditures for certain political purposes.
History: 06/30/2026—Proposed for introduction.
Position: Review
- Bill:** S4500
Sponsors: Mukherji (D32)
Summary: Establishes uniform training requirements for health care staff concerning persons with dementia.
History: 06/22/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
Position: Review

Bill: S4503
Sponsors: Gopal (D11)
Summary: **Requires long-term care facilities to provide its employees with necessary supplies and equipment at no cost.**
Related: 2026:A5214
History: 06/22/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
Notes: This bill would require all long-term care facilities to provide all necessary equipment and protective supplies for its employees at no cost to the employee. The bill would also require the Department of Health (department) to establish a process to review and enforce the provisions of this bill, and would require that the department fine the facility for non-compliance. Additionally, the bill authorizes the Commissioner of Health to take any negative licensure action the commissioner deems appropriate for non-compliance.

As used in the bill, “long-term care facility” is defined as a nursing home, assisted living residence, comprehensive personal care home, residential health care facility, or dementia care home licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et al.), and “equipment and supplies” means the materials necessary to maintain safe operations, effective infection prevention and sanitation protocols, and dietary and resident care services within a long-term care facility. The term includes, but is not limited to: personal protective equipment; cleaning and disinfecting supplies; linens; towels; bedsheets; blankets; laundry supplies; resident hygiene products including toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, soap, incontinence products, and feminine hygiene products; and food, grocery, and dietary supplies necessary for meal preparation and nutritional services. The term does not include closed-toe shoes or scrubs unless the facility requires a specific type, color, or brand of shoe or scrub. If the facility requires scrubs to be a specific type, color, or brand, the facility must provide at least two sets of the scrubs to the employee at no cost.