

HCANJ BUSINESS MEETING
LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE
June 10, 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

- None to report

5. Legislative Activity

Bill: A936
Sponsors: Murphy (D7); Sauickie (R12) +10
Summary: Waives certain professional and occupational licensing fees for veterans and spouses of veterans.
Related: 2026:S4350; 2024:A1144; 2022:A833; 2022:S3151; 2020:A525; 2018:A373; 2018:S2448; 2016:A829; 2014:A2460; 2012:A4572
History: 01/13/2026—Introduced to Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.
 03/16/2026—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
05/18/2026—Passed Assembly 77-0-0. Received in Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.
Position: Monitor

Bill: A976
Sponsors: Murphy (D7); Sauickie (R12) +5
Summary: Allows for issuance of two-year temporary courtesy license for nonresident military spouses in certain professions.
Related: 2026:S4341; 2024:A4317; 2024:S2521; 2022:A4910; 2022:S3475
History: 01/13/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.
 03/16/2026—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
05/18/2026—Passed Assembly 77-0-0. Received in Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.
Position: Support

Bill: A3577
Sponsors: Greenwald (D6); Swain (D38); Hutchison (D4) +3
Summary: Requires issuance of report on certain information and data on processing of applications for professional and occupational licenses and mandates review of training and call intake in Division of Consumer Affairs.
Related: 2026:S2123; 2024:A2805; 2024:S1761; 2022:A4621; 2022:S3156
History: 01/13/2026—Introduced to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee.
 05/04/2026—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
05/18/2026—Passed Assembly 76-0-0. Received in Senate Commerce Comm.
Position: Support

Bill: A4280
Sponsors: Speight (D29) +1
Summary: Revises visitation and reporting rules for professional guardians.
Related: 2026:S2817; 2024:A4496; 2024:S1828; 2022:A5132
History: 02/19/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee.
06/01/2026—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Judiciary.
Position: Monitor

- Bill:** A4293
Sponsors: Speight (D29) +1
Summary: Allows court to consider previous care when granting letters of guardianship for incapacitated person.
Related: 2026:S2818; 2024:A4388; 2024:S1829; 2022:A5133
History: 02/19/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee.
06/01/2026—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Judiciary.
Position: Monitor
- Bill:** A4338
Sponsors: Speight (D29) +1
Summary: Requires court to consider certain factors in appointing guardian and to justify guardianship appointment on record.
Related: 2026:S2816; 2024:A4329; 2024:S1827; 2022:A5131
History: 02/19/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee.
06/01/2026—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Judiciary.
Position: Monitor
- 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.
Position: Support
Notes: HCANJ requested legislation.
- Bill:** S1493
Sponsors: Cryan (D20); Singer (R30)
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, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.
06/04/2026—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.
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 in order for licensed occupational therapists and licensed occupational therapy assistants to renew licenses. Bill also expands the types of issues in which occupational therapy may be sought.

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 with committee amendments. Referred to Senate Budget.
06/04/2026—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.
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.

Bill: S3631 Sca (1R)
Sponsors: Zwicker (D16)
Summary: Establishes Allied Health Care Professional Loan Redemption Program.
Related: 2024:S5017
History: 02/19/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Higher Education Committee.
05/18/2026—Reported with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.
Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.
Position: Support

6. Legislation Scheduled

Bill: A4790
Sponsors: Freiman (D16); Schnall (D30); DePhillips (R40) +1
Summary: Makes certain changes to regulation of health care service firms.
Related: 2026:S3463
History: 03/19/2026—Introduced to Assembly Health Infrastructure Committee.
 06/01/2026—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
Scheduled: **06/11/2026—Assembly, 1:00p Voting Session.**
Position: Monitor

Bill: S3463
Sponsors: Johnson (D37); Bucco (R25) +2
Summary: Makes certain changes to regulation of health care service firms.
Related: 2026:A4790
History: 02/12/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
 05/11/2026—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.
 05/28/2026—Passed Senate 36-0. Received in Assembly Health Infrastructure.
 06/01/2026—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
Scheduled: **06/11/2026—Assembly, 1:00p Voting Session.**
Position: Monitor

7. Legislation Introduced

- Bill:** A5062
Sponsors: Murphy (D7); McCoy (D14); Karabinchak (D18) +3
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 and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Support
Notes: NJ Alzheimer's Association initiative.
- Bill:** A5063
Sponsors: Murphy (D7) +6
Summary: Requires DHS to establish Alzheimer's disease public awareness campaign.
Related: 2026:S1250; 2024:A2490; 2024:S2771; 2022:A2330; 2022:S1241; 2020:A2632; 2020:S1673
History: 05/14/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.
Position: Monitor
- Bill:** A5068
Sponsors: Murphy (D7)
Summary: Authorizes visiting advanced practice nurses who are not certified by endorsement in New Jersey to engage in the limited practice of prescribing medications and devices, if they have appropriate educational qualifications.
Related: 2024:A1008; 2022:A2180; 2020:A1784; 2018:A3857; 2018:S2460
History: 05/14/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.
Position: Monitor
- Bill:** A5087
Sponsors: Macurdy (D21)
Summary: Establishes all-payer claims database.
Related: 2026:S4403
History: 05/14/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Review
- Bill:** A5112
Sponsors: Verrelli (D15); Peterpaul (D11)
Summary: Provides certain protections to residents of long-term care facilities and long-term acute care hospitals.
Related: 2026:S3023
History: 05/18/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Infrastructure Committee.
Position: Oppose

- Bill:** A5140
Sponsors: Murphy (D7); Reynolds-Jackson (D15)
Summary: Establishes Task Force on Development and Implementation of Multi-Sector Plan on Aging.
History: 05/28/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee.
Position: Seek Amendments
Notes: Amend to add specific references to nursing homes and assisted living to this bill and assure that HCANJ is represented on any resulting task force.
- Bill:** A5164
Sponsors: Peterpaul (D11)
Summary: Modifies additional fee and taxes imposed on certain real property transfers valued over \$1 million; expands imposition of fees and taxes to real property classified Industrial Property and certain Apartments.
History: 06/01/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
Position: Review
- Bill:** A5175
Sponsors: Myhre (R9); Rumpf (R9) +2
Summary: Repeals law prohibiting collection and sharing of certain personal information.
History: 06/01/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.
Position: Monitor
Notes: Repeals the law establishing the “Privacy Protection Act,” P.L.2026,c.4.
- Bill:** A5185
Sponsors: Stanley (D18); Speight (D29); Simmons (D3)
Summary: Revises regulation of certain health care facilities.
Related: 2026:S4395
History: 06/01/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Infrastructure Committee.
Position: Review
- Bill:** A5209
Sponsors: Schnall (D30)
Summary: Requires health insurers to provide reason for denial of coverage for private duty nursing.
History: 06/04/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee.
Position: Review

Bill: A5214
Sponsors: Danielsen (D17)
Summary: Requires long-term care facilities to provide its employees with necessary supplies and equipment at no cost.
History: 06/04/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee.
Position: Review
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.

Bill: S4293
Sponsors: Wimberly (D35)
Summary: Amends definition of "commercial motor vehicle" to revise minimum passenger capacity threshold.
Related: 2026:A4920
History: 05/14/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Transportation Committee.
Position: Monitor
Notes: This bill revises the definition of commercial vehicle so that a person is no longer required to possess a CDL to operate a vehicle designed to transport less than 16 passengers, including the driver. No impact on members but monitor in case of amendments.

Bill: S4311
Sponsors: McKnight (D31)
Summary: **"Self-Directed Care Access Act"; requires DHS to establish common intake system and application process for Medicaid self-directed care programs.**
Related: 2026:A4858
History: 05/21/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
Position: Review
Notes: Requires the Department of Human Services to establish a single online portal through which individuals who currently participate in a Medicaid waiver program that offers home and community-based services, or an applicant for such a Medicaid waiver program, may apply in order to self-direct the services accessed through the applicable Medicaid waiver program.

The online portal will enable an individual who currently participates in a Medicaid home and community-based waiver program, or an applicant for such a waiver program, to undergo an initial screening assessment to determine whether the individual or applicant may qualify to self-direct the services accessed through the applicable waiver program. Based on the information provided during the screening assessment, the individual or the applicant will be automatically referred to any appropriate Medicaid waiver programs for which they are eligible and that also enable participants to self-direct the services accessed through the waiver program.

Bill: S4341
Sponsors: Amato (R9); Mukherji (D32)
Summary: **Allows for issuance of two-year temporary courtesy license for nonresident military spouses in certain professions.**
Related: 2026:A976; 2024:A4317; 2024:S2521; 2022:A4910; 2022:S3475
History: 05/28/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Support

Bill: S4350
Sponsors: Amato (R9); Mukherji (D32) +1
Summary: **Waives certain professional and occupational licensing fees for veterans and spouses of veterans.**
Related: 2026:A936; 2024:A1144; 2022:A833; 2022:S3151; 2020:A525; 2018:A373; 2018:S2448; 2016:A829; 2014:A2460; 2012:A4572
History: 05/28/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.
Position: Monitor