

HCANJ BUSINESS MEETING
LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE
May 13, 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: A2691 Aca (1R)
Sponsors: DePhillips (R40); Barlas (R40); Speight (D29) +13
Summary: Increases personal needs allowance to \$140 for low-income persons residing in certain facilities.
Related: 2026:S1576; 2024:A3908; 2024:S3319
History: 01/13/2026—Introduced; referred to Assembly Aging & Human Services Comm.
05/07/2026—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.
Position: Support
Notes: Increases PNA for nursing home Medicaid beneficiaries from current \$50 to \$140.

Bill: A3381 Aca (1R)
Sponsors: Stanley (D18) +2
Summary: Updates requirements for licensure in occupational therapy.
Related: 2026:S1493; 2024:A4903; 2024:S3931
History: 01/13/2026—Introduced; referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee.
 02/12/2026—Reported with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Health.
05/11/2026—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations.
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: A3390 Aca (1R)
Sponsors: Stanley (D18) +1
Summary: Requires Division of Consumer Affairs to create open data portal and provide certain datasets online.
Related: 2026:S1413; 2024:A5624; 2024:S4581
History: 01/13/2026—Introduced; referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee.
05/04/2026—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
Position: Monitor

Bill: A3434
Sponsors: Simmons (D3)
Summary: Creates "New Jersey Dialysis Patient Support Person Accommodation Act."
Related: 2026:S4078; 2024:A6191
History: 01/13/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.
05/11/2026—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
Position: Monitor

Bill: A3577
Sponsors: Greenwald (D6); Swain (D38); Hutchison (D4) +2
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; referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee.
05/04/2026—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
Position: Support

Bill: A4160
Sponsors: Murphy (D7); Quijano (D20)
Summary: Establishes Chief Executive Nurse position in DOH.
Related: 2024:A3614; 2022:A2259; 2020:A4535; 2020:S3312
History: 02/19/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.
05/11/2026—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.
Position: Monitor
Notes: Duties of the Chief Executive Nurse will include: assisting the commissioner as necessary on matters pertaining to nursing; collecting data and other information on nursing as determined by the commissioner; consulting with nurses and health care facilities to determine which current or proposed regulations aide or impede nurses' ability to provide adequate health care; and evaluating current trends in nursing.

Bill: S1250
Sponsors: Greenstein (D14); Beach (D6) +12
Summary: Requires DHS to establish Alzheimer's disease public awareness campaign.
Related: 2026:A5063; 2024:A2490; 2024:S2771; 2022:A2330; 2022:S1241; 2020:A2632; 2020:S1673
History: 01/13/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
05/11/2026—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.
Position: Monitor

Bill: S2136 Sca (1R)
Sponsors: Moriarty (D4)
Summary: Requires employers to include in job posting whether posting is for existing position and sets additional job posting requirements.
Related: 2026:A1161; 2024:A4625; 2024:S3509
History: 01/13/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Labor Committee.
05/11/2026—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.
Position: Oppose

- Bill:** S2955 Sca (1R)
Sponsors: Mukherji (D32)
Summary: Requires county welfare agencies to direct clients to, and promote use of, Department of Treasury's personal finance web-based platform.
Related: 2024:S4258
History: 01/13/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
05/11/2026—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.
Position: Oppose
Notes: Original bill required county welfare agencies to provide financial planning services. HCANJ testified that county welfare agencies do not even have enough resources to provide timely Medicaid eligibility determinations. NJ Association of Counties shared the view that the agencies are already overwhelmed. Bill was amended to change summary and require instead only that clients be referred to Department of Treasury's personal finance web-based platform.
- Bill:** S3174
Sponsors: Scutari (D22)
Summary: Concerns authority of owners, agents, or other persons to elect to contract with private on-site inspection agencies to complete inspections under the construction code; provides for charging of inspection fees.
Related: 2026:A2137; 2024:A5927; 2024:S4501
History: 01/13/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee.
05/11/2026—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.
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.
Position: Monitor
Notes: The bill: 1) raises the annual Medicaid reimbursement threshold for personal care assistance services that would trigger an audit for health care service firms from \$250,000 to \$500,000; 2) requires the health care service firms to submit the audit no later than September 30th of the calendar year in which it is due; 3) revises the compensation threshold for reporting requirements for health care service firms from between \$1 million and \$10 million, to less than \$10 million; 4) revises the information that is to be contained in the health care service firm's report; 5) provides for corrective action in certain cases; and 6) permits audits to be performed by out-of-State accountants.

6. Legislation Introduced

Bill: A4826
Sponsors: Donlon (D11); Miller (D4) +4
Summary: Requires food service businesses to provide written notice of major food allergens in each menu item.
Related: 2026:S3394
History: 05/04/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Consumer Affairs.
Position: Oppose?
Notes: “Food service business” means a business that sells or provides food for consumption and includes business or institutional cafeterias.

Requires food service business to provide written notice of major food allergens contained as ingredients in each menu item, including temporary menu items. The food service business shall provide this information:

- (1) directly on the food service business’s menu;
- (2) in a digital format including, but not limited to, a quick response code, provided that the code directs customers to an Internet website that contains the information required pursuant to this act; or
- (3) on other written materials including, but not limited to, a separate menu, chart, grid, or booklet.

Bill: A4833
Sponsors: Quijano (D20)
Summary: Requires certain public and private entities to publicize receipt of State funds or economic development subsidies in certain circumstances.
Related: 2024:A4500
History: 05/04/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
Position: Review
Notes: This bill requires any nonprofit entity, public entity, or business entity to include a notice on its informational and promotional materials that that entity is the recipient of State funds or and economic development subsidy. The bill requires the notice to be included on any written statement disseminated by the entity, to broadcast, digital, or print media, and on any placard or banner displayed at any public event held by the nonprofit entity, public entity, or business entity, or on any occasion in which the nonprofit entity or business entity provides goods or services, free of charge, to members of the public.

Bill: A4858
Sponsors: Simmons (D3)
Summary: **"Self-Directed Care Access Act"; requires DHS to establish common intake system and application process for Medicaid self-directed care programs.**
History: 05/04/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.
Position: Review
Notes: This bill 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: A4920
Sponsors: Stewart (D35); Speight (D29)
Summary: **Amends definition of "commercial motor vehicle" to revise minimum passenger capacity threshold.**
Related: 2026:S4293
History: 05/07/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities 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: S4073
Sponsors: Johnson (D37); Bucco (R25) +1
Summary: **Requires health insurance and Medicaid coverage for testing and treatments to slow progression of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.**
Related: 2026:A5062
History: 05/04/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Support

Bill: S4078
Sponsors: Burzichelli (D3); McKnight (D31)
Summary: **Creates "New Jersey Dialysis Patient Support Person Accommodation Act."**
Related: 2026:A3434; 2024:A6191
History: 05/04/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
Position: Review

- Bill:** S4137
Sponsors: Cryan (D20)
Summary: Establishes "Occupational Heat-Related Illness and Injury Prevention Program" and occupational heat stress standard in DOLWD.
Related: 2026:A1995; 2024:A5022; 2024:S3884
History: 05/11/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Labor Committee.
Position: Seek Amendments
Notes: HCANJ last session sought an exemption for health care facilities or at least let federal and state temperature regulation and statute prevail. Proposed amendments were sent to sponsor who did express support for permitting resident room temperatures above proposed 85 degrees maximum temperature.
- Bill:** S4186
Sponsors: McKnight (D31)
Summary: "Dementia Dignity and Advance Care Planning Act."
Related: 2026:A1352; 2024:A6136
History: 05/11/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
Position: Monitor
Notes: This bill permits individuals to execute a "Dementia-Specific Advance Directive" (DSAD) specifying health care preferences to apply in the event the individual later enters advanced stages of dementia. The DSAD would specify the individual's wishes regarding: feeding preferences, including comfort feeding only; hospitalization, resuscitation, artificial nutrition and hydration, intravenous fluids, antibiotics, and other life-prolonging measures; and conditions that will trigger comfort-only care.
During March committee testimony on Assembly version, the Alzheimer's Association raised concern about which POLST-like form would take precedent. That prompted concerns by legislators.
- Bill:** S4293
Sponsors: Wimberly (D35)
Summary: Amends definition of "commercial motor vehicle" to revise minimum passenger capacity threshold.
Related: 2026:A4920
History: 05/11/2026—Proposed for introduction.
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 moni