

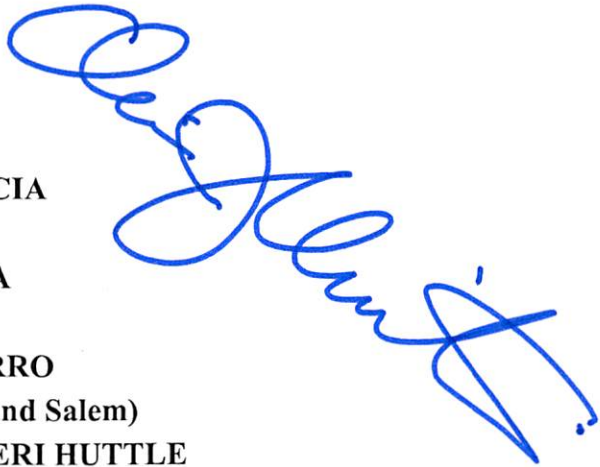
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SYNOPSIS

Clarifies that Alzheimer's disease and related disorders may be listed as secondary cause of death on death certificate when appropriate.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on June 15, 2015, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/18/2015)

1 AN ACT concerning death certificates and supplementing Chapter 6
2 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. Alzheimer's disease and related disorders may be listed
8 as a secondary cause of death on a certification of death in any case
9 in which:

10 (1) the deceased person is diagnosed as having Alzheimer's
11 disease or a related disorder; and

12 (2) it is determined, in accordance with currently accepted
13 medical standards and with a reasonable degree of medical
14 certainty, that Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder was a
15 significant contributing cause of the person's death.

16 b. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any
17 person to list Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder as a
18 secondary cause of death, and no person ¹shall be subject to any
19 criminal or civil liability or any professional disciplinary action
20 under Title 45 of the Revised Statutes for listing or failing to list
21 Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder as a secondary cause of
22 death on a certification of death.

23 c. As used in this section, "Alzheimer's disease and related
24 disorders" means forms of dementia characterized by a general loss
25 of intellectual abilities of sufficient severity to interfere with social
26 or occupational functioning.

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SHH committee amendments adopted June 15, 2015.