

A-1933, S-787

Brief Description:

Permits practitioners to refer patients to a surgical practice or ambulatory care facility in which they have financial interest

Bill #/Sponsor(s):

Assemblyman Herb Conaway Jr. (D-Burlington)
Senator Richard Codey (D)

Reasons to Support:

- Practitioner referring to facility s/he knows has the best and most expedient care
- Referring practitioner must also perform the surgery / procedure
- Remuneration as an owner is proportional to ownership interest, not the number of referrals
- Disclaimer must be provided to patient
- The state has allowed practitioners to own these facilities. Who will they sell them to if a practitioner cannot refer their own patients?

Reasons to Oppose:

- Practitioner more inclined to refer where there is a financial interest
- The patient will typically accept the practitioner recommendation which is likely not objective

NJAHU Position:

OPPOSE

Status:

2/14/2008 Reported from Senate Committee with Amendments



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