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Brief Description:

Requires retail pharmacies to stock and dispense emergency contraception.

Bill #/Sponsor(s):

Senator Loretta Weinberg (D-Bergen)

Reasons to Support:

- Victims of assault should have the benefit of immediate care to prevent unwanted pregnancy.

Reasons to Oppose:

- It might be more beneficial for victims to seek the assistance of law enforcement to try and apprehend guilty parties and obtain medical care via the emergency room of a health care facility.
- This may be used as a “morning after” pill in lieu of women taking precautions before sex. Rx being stocked might indicate to some that it is ok to have unprotected vaginal intercourse. That can certainly lead to health related issues (AIDS, STD's, etc.) which will eventually drive increases in health insurance premium; especially if those choosing to use the pharmacy are uninsured.

NJAHU Position:

MONITOR

Status:

3/6/2008 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee



Legislative Briefing

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