

## CHAPTER 305

AN ACT concerning congregate housing facilities and supplementing P.L.1981, c.553 (C.52:27D-182 et seq.).

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

C.52:27D-188.1 Congregate housing, power-assisted door opener, required.

1. Within 120 days of the effective date of P.L.2003, c.305 (C.52:27D-188.1 et seq.), every entrance to a building located within a "congregate housing facility," as defined in section 3 of P.L.1981, c.553 (C.52:27D-184), shall be equipped with a power-assisted door opener, if the door of the entrance requires greater than 10 pounds of pull in order to be opened manually.

C.52:27D-188.2 Congregate housing, unlocking by remote device, staff required, certain circumstances.

2. Upon the request of a project resident of a "congregate housing facility," as defined in section 3 of P.L.1981, c.553 (C.52:27D-184), the qualified housing agency operating the facility shall provide for a system which permits the unlocking of a door to a building, other than a door to an individual unit, by a remote device or by staff.

C.52:27D-188.3 Regulations.

3. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall have the authority to enforce the provisions of this act and shall adopt regulations in accordance with the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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