Protections for New Jersey Cancer Patients Introduced



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The "Cancer Patient Care and Compassion Act," introduced in the New Jersey Senate on June 10, 2024, would provide certain protections for Stage III, Stage IV, and terminal cancer patients. Such protections include: (i) requiring health insurance carries to provide coverage for parenteral treatments of cancer and survivorship care plans; (ii) prohibiting residential mortgage lenders from providing a notice of intention regarding a default under a homeowner's mortgage while the homeowner is a cancer patient; (iii) dismissing a foreclosure action upon the presentation of a physician's letter certifying the homeowner is undergoing treatment; (iv) prohibiting a creditor from claiming a default for any debt against an individual undergoing treatment, so long as such debtor submits a physician letter certifying that the individual is currently undergoing treatment; (v) permitting a stay of an eviction notice up to 45 days while the cancer patient is undergoing treatment; (vi) and permitting a cancer patient the right to reinstatement to equivalent employment after a period of leave, including when Temporary Disability or Family Leave Insurance benefits were provided.

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