SYNOPSIS
Permits registered nurses to make determination and pronouncement of death in any setting where death occurs.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As amended by the General Assembly on June 8, 2006.
AN ACT concerning pronouncement of death and amending P.L.1983, c.308.

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

1. Section 4 of P.L.1983, c.308 (C.26:6-8.1) is amended to read as follows:

4. a. Where there has been an apparent death that is not governed by the provisions of section 4 of P.L.1991, c.90 (C.26:6A-4), a registered professional nurse licensed by the New Jersey Board of Nursing under P.L.1947, c.262 (C.45:11-23 et seq.) may make the actual determination and pronouncement of death and shall attest to this pronouncement by: signing in the space designated for this signature on the certificate of death under R.S.26:6-7; or, for the purposes of the NJ-EDRS, transmitting orally or in writing a report of the pronouncement to the attending, covering or resident physician, or the county medical examiner.

b. The provisions of subsection a. of this section shall only apply in the case of a death which occurs in the home or place of residence of the deceased, in a hospice, or in a long-term care facility or nursing home.

2. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after enactment.

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:
Assembly floor amendments adopted June 8, 2006.