

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3672**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**215th LEGISLATURE**

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**Sponsored by:**  
**Assemblyman GORDON M. JOHNSON**  
**District 37 (Bergen)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires halfway houses to permit attorneys and certain representatives of attorneys to visit incarcerated clients.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning residential community release programs and  
2 supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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7 1. a. Attorneys who are licensed in any jurisdiction shall be  
8 permitted to have contact visits with clients who are incarcerated in  
9 a residential community release program. At the request of the  
10 attorney, representatives of the attorney shall also be permitted to  
11 have contact visits. Such representatives shall include, but not be  
12 limited to, the following:

13 (1) investigators;

14 (2) investigative aides;

15 (3) expert witnesses;

16 (4) paralegals; and

17 (5) law students.

18 b. The visits shall take place in the residential community  
19 release program facilities upon request of the attorney.

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21 2. The Commissioner of Corrections, pursuant to the  
22 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
23 seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the  
24 provisions of this act.

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26 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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31 This bill requires residential community release programs, also  
32 known as halfway houses, to permit attorneys and certain  
33 representatives of attorneys to visit clients who are incarcerated in a  
34 halfway house. The visits are required to take place in the halfway  
35 house facilities upon request of the attorney.

36 There are currently regulations under Title 10A of the New  
37 Jersey Administrative Code concerning attorney-client visits at  
38 correctional facilities. The intent of this bill is to clarify that  
39 halfway houses are required to allow attorney-client visits at the  
40 halfway houses, even though they are private facilities that contract  
41 with the Department of Corrections.