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### **ALBANO/MILAM BILL TO EXPAND HEALTH CARE FOR THE ELDERLY ADVANCED BY ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE**

(TRENTON) – Legislation Assemblymen Nelson Albano and Matt Milam (D-Atlantic/Cape May/Cumberland) sponsored to help expand health care for the elderly was released today by an Assembly panel.

The bill would revise the state's Primary Care Physician and Dentist Loan Redemption Program, which provides student loan redemptions of up to \$120,000 to eligible physicians and dentists who work in underserved areas.

Under the bill (A-866), the practice of geriatrics – the field of medicine focused on caring for the elderly – would be included.

“The shortage of geriatric practitioners is expected to worsen as Baby Boomers move into their senior years, so it's important those who care for our senior citizens be explicitly included in the group of individuals eligible for this valuable incentive program,” Albano said. “Our seniors deserve the best possible care, and that includes making doctors available to specialize in their treatment.”

“This is simple way to ensure our senior citizens have access to the doctors and medical personnel they need to get the best health care,” Milam said. “Promoting ways to entice more doctors into geriatrics is a sensible step we should have taken a long time ago.”

The bill is also sponsored by Assemblyman Eric Munoz (R-Union). It was released by the Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee and now heads to the Assembly Speaker, who decides if and when to post it for a vote.

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