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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 306 (Senator Frosh)

Judicial Proceedings

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Health Care - Surrogate Decision Making - Prohibitions

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This bill prohibits a surrogate decision maker from consenting to the admission of an individual to a mental health facility or from authorizing a behavior modification program for an individual if it involves painful or invasive stimuli. It repeals a provision of current law that prohibits a surrogate from authorizing treatment for a mental disorder.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. The bill would not materially change State activities or operations.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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