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SYNOPSIS

Expands eligibility for reduced-cost spaying and neutering program to any disabled State resident.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning eligibility for the reduced-cost spaying and
2 neutering program and amending P.L.1983, c.172.

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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. Section 3 of P.L.1983, c.172 (C.4:19A-2) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 3. a. In order to be eligible to participate in the program, an
10 owner of a dog or cat shall be eligible for, and participate in, at least
11 one of the following:

12 **[a.]** (1) The Food Stamp Program authorized by Title XIII of
13 the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977, Pub.L.95-113 (7 U.S.C.
14 s.2011 et seq.);

15 **[b.]** (2) The Supplemental Security Income Program
16 established pursuant to Title XVI of the Social Security Act, 42
17 U.S.C. s.1381 et seq.;

18 **[c.]** (3) The program for aid to families with dependent
19 children, pursuant to P.L.1959, c.86 (C.44:10-1 et seq.);

20 **[d.]** (4) The program for general public assistance, pursuant to
21 the provisions of the "General Public Assistance Law,"
22 P.L.1947, c.156 (C.44:8-107 et seq.);

23 **[e.]** (5) The program of medical assistance pursuant to
24 P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.);

25 **[f.]** (6) The program of "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the
26 Aged and Disabled," established pursuant to P.L.1975, c.194
27 (C.30:4D-20 et seq.);

28 **[g.]** (7) The rental assistance program authorized pursuant to
29 section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 as added by the
30 Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Pub.L.93-383
31 (42 U.S.C. s. 1437(f));

32 **[h.]** (8) The "Lifeline Credit Program" established pursuant to
33 P.L.1979, c.197 (C.48:2-29.15 et seq.); or

34 **[i.]** (9) The "Tenants' Lifeline Assistance Program"
35 established pursuant to P.L.1981, c.210 (C.48:2-29.30 et seq.).

36 b. In addition to the eligibility of certain disabled persons
37 established pursuant to paragraph (6) of subsection a. of this
38 section, any resident of the State who is disabled shall be eligible
39 for, and may participate in, the program, and shall be eligible for
40 the reduced spaying or neutering fee charged pursuant to section 4
41 of P.L.1983, c.172 (C.4:19A-3).

42 c. A resident of New Jersey who owns a dog or cat shall also
43 be eligible to participate in the program if the owner: (1) submits to
44 a veterinarian participating in the program proof, in the form of a
45 certificate of adoption, that the dog or cat was adopted from a New

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.

1 Jersey licensed animal shelter, a New Jersey municipal, county, or
2 regional pound, or a New Jersey holding and impoundment facility
3 that contracts with New Jersey municipalities, or proof that the dog
4 or cat was adopted through a non-profit corporation operating an
5 animal adoption referral service in New Jersey and whose holding
6 facility is licensed in accordance with State and municipal law; or
7 proof that the dog or cat was adopted through a non-profit
8 corporation operating an animal adoption referral service in New
9 Jersey that does not operate a holding facility; and, in the case of a
10 dog, proof that the dog is duly licensed pursuant to State and
11 municipal law; and (2) pays a \$20 fee, to be deposited in the fund.
12 The Department of Health may adopt, pursuant to the
13 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
14 seq.), such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement
15 this amendatory act.
16 (cf: P.L.1991, c.405, s.1)

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18 2. Section 4 of P.L.1983, c.172 (C.4:19A-3) is amended to read
19 as follows:

20 4. Any person submitting a dog or cat, pursuant to the
21 provisions of this act, for spaying or neutering, as the case may be,
22 shall:

23 a. Furnish any licensed veterinarian of this State participating
24 in the program with proof that the owner meets at least one of the
25 eligibility criteria pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of **[this**
26 **amendatory and supplementary act]** P.L.1983, c.172 (C.4:19A-2);

27 b. Sign a consent form certifying that the person is the owner
28 of the dog or cat, or is authorized by the owner to present the dog or
29 cat for the procedure; and

30 c. Pay a fee of **[\$10.00]** \$10, which fee shall be forwarded to
31 the commissioner for deposit in the "Animal Population Control
32 Fund"

33 (cf: P.L.1983, c.172, s.4)

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35 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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38 STATEMENT

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40 This bill expands the reduced spaying and neutering program to
41 any State resident who is disabled. Currently, a low income
42 disabled person who is eligible for, and participates in, the
43 "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled" program is
44 eligible.