

SENATE, No. 418

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires application option enhancement for certain federal rental assistance administered by DCA.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning application options for certain State-
2 administered federal rental assistance and supplementing
3 P.L.1966, c.293 (C.52:27D-1 et seq.).

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

1. The Commissioner of Community Affairs shall require that applicants who receive rental assistance that is administered by the department and authorized pursuant to section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. s.1437f) are not limited to online application options. The commissioner shall ensure, to the extent permitted by federal law, that a person is able to apply through regular mail, electronic mail, or fax.

2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month next following enactment, except the commissioner may take any anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.

STATEMENT

24 This bill would require the Commissioner of Community Affairs
25 to ensure that applicants to receive rental assistance that is
26 administered by the department and authorized under section 8 of
27 the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. s.1437f) are not
28 limited to online application options. Housing authorized under
29 section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 includes project-
30 based “section 8” rental assistance, and assistance available through
31 the Housing Choice Voucher Program. Specifically, the bill directs
32 the commissioner to require that a person is able to apply through
33 regular mail, electronic mail, or fax. This bill would take effect on
34 the first day of the third month following enactment.