

SENATE, No. 1535

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Provides for receipts for applications for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning applications for the Supplemental Nutrition
2 Assistance Program and supplementing Title 44 of the Revised
3 Statutes.

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

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8 1. a. A county welfare agency, county board of social
9 services, or other entity that is responsible for receiving an
10 application for benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
11 Program, established pursuant to the federal “Food and Nutrition Act
12 of 2008,” Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.), shall provide to the
13 applicant a receipt proving that the application has been filed. A
14 receipt shall be provided to an applicant, whether the application was
15 submitted in person or electronically.

16 b. The receipt shall, at a minimum, include the following
17 elements:

18 (1) the date that the application was received;

19 (2) a checklist of all required documents or other verifications
20 related to the application and the date on which each document was
21 received; and

22 (3) a list of all documents or other verifications still needed to
23 complete the application and the date by which each item must be
24 received.

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26 2. The Commissioner of Human Services shall, in accordance
27 with the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
28 1 et seq.), adopt any rules and regulations as the commissioner deems
29 necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

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31 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
32 next following the date of enactment, except the Commissioner of
33 Human Services may take any anticipatory administrative action in
34 advance as shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.

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STATEMENT

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39 This bill provides for applicants for the Supplemental Nutrition
40 Assistance Program (SNAP, also called food stamps) to receive a
41 receipt when they apply for the program.

42 Under the bill, a county welfare agency, county board of social
43 services, or other entity that is responsible for receiving SNAP
44 applications would provide to the applicant a receipt proving that the
45 application has been filed. The receipt would be provided for
46 applications filed in-person or electronically.

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- 3 • a checklist of all required documents or other verifications
- 4 related to the application and the date on which each document
- 5 was received; and
- 6 • a list of all documents or other verifications still needed to
- 7 complete the application and the date by which each item
- 8 must be received.