

SENATE, No. 4196

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

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District 25 (Morris and Somerset)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes Kidney Donor Insurance Fund.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning health insurance coverage for kidney donors
2 and supplementing Title 17B of the New Jersey Statutes.

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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. a. A person who donates a kidney as a live kidney donor
8 shall be eligible after the donation for a health benefits plan through
9 the New Jersey Individual Health Coverage Program pursuant to
10 P.L.1992, c.161 (C.17B-27A-2 et seq.) for the duration of the
11 donor's life. A health benefits plan provided to a donor pursuant to
12 this section shall include the highest level of services available
13 through the gold level of the New Jersey Individual Health
14 Coverage Program, and shall include prescription drug coverage.

15 b. The State shall be responsible for the payment of all
16 premiums in connection with the health benefits plan and neither
17 the donor nor the donor's employer shall be liable for the health
18 benefits plan premium. The plan premiums shall be paid for by the
19 State from the Kidney Donor Insurance Fund established pursuant
20 to section 2 of this act.

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22 2. There is established a non-lapsing, revolving fund in the
23 Department of Banking and Insurance to be known as the "Kidney
24 Donor Insurance Fund." This fund shall be the repository for
25 monies received as grants in support of this act or moneys otherwise
26 appropriated or directed to be remitted to this fund as are necessary
27 to implement this act. The purpose of the fund shall be to pay the
28 health benefits plan premium costs for persons eligible as live
29 kidney donors for coverage pursuant to section 1 of this act.

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31 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all
32 live donor kidney donations made on or after the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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37 This bill provides that a person who donates a kidney as a live
38 kidney donor is to be eligible after the donation for a health benefits
39 plan through the New Jersey Individual Health Coverage Program
40 for the duration of the donor's life. The health benefits plan is to be
41 paid for by the State through the "Kidney Donor Insurance Fund,"
42 established pursuant to the bill in the Department of Banking and
43 Insurance, and is to include the highest level of services available
44 through the gold level of the New Jersey Individual Health
45 Coverage Program.