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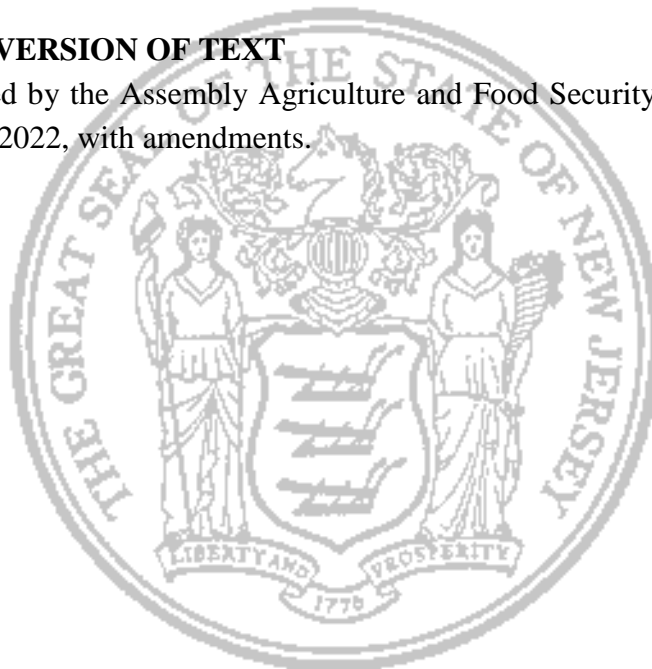
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SYNOPSIS

Requires DHS to submit federal waiver request regarding time limits for certain SNAP recipients under certain circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Agriculture and Food Security Committee on February 14, 2022, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning waiver requests for certain eligibility
2 requirements under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
3 Program, and amending P.L.2016, c.11.

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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. Section 1 of P.L.2016, c.11 (C.44:10-105) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 1. a. Immediately upon the effective date of **[this act]**
11 P.L. , c. (C.)(pending before the Legislature as this bill),
12 provided that the federal Public Health Emergency declared by the
13 Secretary of Health and Human Services on January 30, 2020 has
14 expired, or within 30 days of the expiration of that federal Public
15 Health Emergency, the Commissioner of Human Services shall
16 submit to the Food and Nutrition Service within the United States
17 Department of Agriculture a request for a waiver, as authorized by
18 7 C.F.R. 273.24(f), of the time limit on benefits for able bodied
19 adults without dependents who participate in the Supplemental
20 Nutrition Assistance Program. The commissioner shall seek either
21 a Statewide waiver for time limits on benefits for this population, or
22 a waiver for select geographic areas of the State.

23 b. **[and at]**At least once annually ¹**[thereafter]** after¹ the
24 submission of the waiver pursuant to subsection a. of this section,
25 the **[Commissioner of Human Services]** commissioner shall
26 conduct a review of available data on labor and employment in the
27 State produced by the Department of Labor and Workforce
28 Development and the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics**[**. The
29 purpose of the review shall be**]** in order to determine whether to
30 submit a subsequent request for a waiver of the benefit time limit
31 for able bodied adults without dependents participating in the
32 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program **[as authorized by 7**
33 C.F.R. 273.24(f), either throughout the State or in any geographic
34 area of the State**]**. The review shall consider each criterion of
35 eligibility for a waiver as well as the availability of opportunities
36 that will fulfill the work requirement described in 7 C.F.R.
37 273.24(a). Based on the annual review conducted pursuant to this
38 **[section]** subsection, the commissioner shall **[determine whether**
39 to**]** submit a request for a waiver, when in compliance with federal
40 guidance, either for the entire State, if all geographic areas in the
41 State meet the waiver eligibility criteria, or for any geographic areas
42 of the State that meet such eligibility criteria.

43 (cf: P.L.2016, c.11, s.1)

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AAN committee amendments adopted February 14, 2022.

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1 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the second month
2 next following enactment, except the Commissioner of Human
3 Services may take any anticipatory administrative action as shall be
4 necessary for the implementation of this act.