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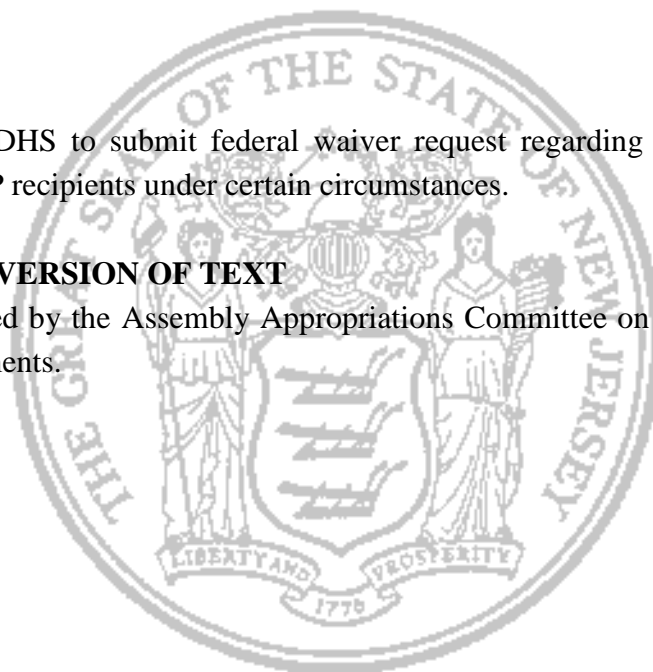
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**SYNOPSIS**

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 Appropriations Committee on May 19, 2022, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/29/2022)**

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 read  
 9 as follows:

10 1. a. <sup>2</sup>**[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] <sup>2</sup>The Commissioner of Human Services  
 16 shall submit to the Food and Nutrition Service within the United  
 17 States Department of Agriculture a request for a waiver, as  
 18 authorized by 7 C.F.R. 273.24(f), of the time limit on benefits for  
 19 able bodied adults without dependents who participate in the  
 20 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. The commissioner  
 21 shall seek either a Statewide waiver for time limits on benefits for  
 22 this population, or a waiver for select geographic areas of the State.

23 b. **[and at]** <sup>1</sup>**At least once annually [thereafter] after<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>2</sup>[, when in compliance with  
 40 federal guidance, either for the entire State, if all geographic areas  
 41 in the State meet the waiver eligibility criteria, or for any  
 42 geographic areas of the State that meet such eligibility criteria] for  
 43 the maximum number of areas which are eligible for a waiver. The  
 44 waiver request shall be for all geographic areas which represent the

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:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AAN committee amendments adopted February 14, 2022.

<sup>2</sup>Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted May 19, 2022.

1 largest number of individuals eligible for a waiver of the able  
2 bodied adults without dependents time limits on the receipt of  
3 SNAP benefits. This support shall serve to fulfill the requirements  
4 described in 7 U.S.C. s.2015(o)(4)(A)<sup>2</sup>.  
5 (cf: P.L.2016, c.11, s.1)  
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7 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the second month  
8 next following enactment, except the Commissioner of Human  
9 Services may take any anticipatory administrative action as shall be  
10 necessary for the implementation of this act.