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SYNOPSIS

Requires standard certification period of 12 and 24 months, under certain circumstances, within SNAP.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on May 12, 2022, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition
2 Assistance Program certification period and supplementing Title
3 44 of the Revised 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. The Commissioner of Human Services shall establish a
9 standard certification period of ¹not less than¹ 12 months within
10 SNAP, except that the certification period shall be ¹not less than¹
11 24 months if all adult household members are elderly or disabled
12 provided that all certified households shall have contact with a State
13 SNAP administering agency at least once every 12 months. ¹These
14 certification periods shall not apply to initial certification periods
15 for expedited benefit issuance.¹ Telephone contact shall be
16 sufficient to comply with the provisions of this subsection.

17 b. The Commissioner shall apply to the Food and Nutrition
18 Service within the United States Department of Agriculture for any
19 necessary waivers or approvals to implement the provisions of this
20 section.

21 c. As used in this section:

22 “Certification period” means the period for which households
23 shall be eligible to receive SNAP benefits.

24 “Elderly or disabled” means the same as defined in section 3 of
25 the federal “Food and Nutrition Act of 2008,” Pub.L.110-246 (7
26 U.S.C. s.2012).

27 “SNAP” means the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition
28 Assistance Program, established pursuant to the federal “Food and
29 Nutrition Act of 2008,” Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.).

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31 2. The Commissioner of Human Services shall adopt rules and
32 regulations, pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,”
33 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as may be necessary to
34 implement the provisions of this act.

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36 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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:

¹Senate SHH committee amendments adopted May 12, 2022.