

SENATE, No. 2017

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Makes FY 2022 supplemental appropriation of \$800,000 to DOH to implement electronic benefits transfer system for Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/26/2022)

1 A SUPPLEMENT to the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year
2 ending June 30, 2022, P.L.2021, c.133.

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

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7 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2021,
8 c.133, the annual appropriations act for Fiscal Year 2021-2022,
9 there is appropriated the following sum for the purpose specified:

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46 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

20 Physical and Mental Health

21 Health Services

DIRECT STATE SERVICES

02-4220	Family Health Services	\$800,000
	Total Direct State Services Appropriation,	<hr/>
	Health Services	\$800,000
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Direct State Services:

02 Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program..... (\$800,000)

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12 The Department of Health shall utilize the funds hereinabove
13 appropriated to implement the use of electronic benefit transfer
14 cards by persons participating in the Senior Farmers' Market
15 Nutrition Program.

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17 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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22 This bill would make a supplemental appropriation for State
23 Fiscal Year 2022 of \$800,000 to the Department of Health (DOH).
24 The bill would direct the DOH to utilize the funds to implement the
25 use of electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards by persons
26 participating in the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program
27 (SFMNP).

28 The federally funded SFMNP helps provide locally grown
29 unprepared fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs to eligible seniors 60
30 years of age or older. Qualified seniors receive five \$5 checks
31 during the growing season to purchase locally grown fresh fruits
32 and vegetables at participating roadside stands and community
33 farmers markets across the State.