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Assembly, No. 2040

1 **AN ACT** concerning the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance  
2 Program.

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5 *of New Jersey:*

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15 individual’s SNAP-eligible purchase.

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for online grocery purchases.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 2040

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2022 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman DANIEL R. BENSON**

**District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)**

**Assemblywoman ANGELA V. MCKNIGHT**

**District 31 (Hudson)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblymen Conaway, Verrelli, Assemblywomen Pintor Marin and Swift**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires Commissioner of Human Services to request authorization for SNAP benefits to be used to pay delivery charges for online grocery purchases.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/7/2022)**

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#### STATEMENT

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22 This bill would permit an individual who receives benefits under  
23 the “Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program,” (SNAP) to use  
24 funds available through the individual’s SNAP electronic benefits  
25 transfer card to pay the delivery charge for home delivery of the  
26 individual’s SNAP-eligible grocery purchase. In March 2020, the  
27 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) opened its pilot  
28 program for online grocery purchasing to New Jersey’s SNAP  
29 participants. Individuals participating in New Jersey SNAP may  
30 purchase groceries online through Amazon, and at participating  
31 Walmart, The Fresh Grocers, and ShopRite stores. Currently, the  
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33 for home delivery of grocery purchases.

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35 The SNAP is a nutrition assistance entitlement program for low-  
36 income households regulated by Food and Nutrition Service within  
37 the USDA, pursuant to the “Food and Nutrition Act of 2008,”  
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39 program is administered by the county welfare agencies, under the  
40 supervision of the Division of Family Development (DFD) in the  
Department of Human Services.

# ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 2040

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 30, 2023

The Assembly Human Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2040.

This bill directs the Commissioner of Human Services to request that the Food and Nutrition Service within the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) permit “Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program,” (SNAP) benefits, available through a beneficiary’s SNAP electronic benefits transfer card, to pay the delivery charge for home delivery of the beneficiary’s SNAP-eligible grocery purchase. Currently, the USDA does not allow the use of SNAP funds to pay the fee charged for home delivery of grocery purchases.

In March 2020, the USDA opened its pilot program for online grocery purchasing to New Jersey’s SNAP participants. Individuals participating in New Jersey SNAP may purchase groceries online through Amazon, and at 17 participating retailers Statewide, including major supermarket chains, membership warehouse clubs, and big-box stores.

The SNAP is a nutrition assistance entitlement program for low-income households regulated by the Food and Nutrition Service within the USDA, pursuant to the “Food and Nutrition Act of 2008,” Pub.L.88-525 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.). At the State level, the program is administered by the county welfare agencies, under the supervision of the Division of Family Development (DFD) in the Department of Human Services.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2022-2023 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

# SENATE, No. 540

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2022 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator M. TERESA RUIZ**

**District 29 (Essex)**

**Senator NELLIE POU**

**District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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26 delivery of an individual’s SNAP-eligible grocery purchase.

27 In March 2020, the USDA allowed New Jersey SNAP  
28 beneficiaries to participate in a pilot program under which SNAP  
29 beneficiaries may use SNAP funds to purchase groceries online  
30 through certain participating retailers. The pilot program does not  
31 currently allow the use of SNAP funds to pay the fee charged for  
32 home delivery of grocery purchases, which results in these costs  
33 being absorbed as an added out-of-pocket expense for SNAP  
34 beneficiaries.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 540**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 30, 2023

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 540.

This bill would require the Commissioner of Human Services to request that the Food and Nutrition Service in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) take such steps as are necessary to allow “Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program” (SNAP) benefits to be used to pay the delivery charge for home delivery of an individual’s SNAP-eligible grocery purchase.

In March 2020, the USDA allowed New Jersey SNAP beneficiaries to participate in a pilot program under which SNAP beneficiaries may use SNAP funds to purchase groceries online through certain participating retailers. The pilot program does not currently allow the use of SNAP funds to pay the fee charged for home delivery of grocery purchases, which results in these costs being absorbed as an added out-of-pocket expense for SNAP beneficiaries.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2022-2023 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

# Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/8/2024

**TRENTON** – Today, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law:

- S-530/A-5164 (Ruiz, Turner/Coughlin, Quijano, McKnight, Reynolds-Jackson)** - Requires certain school meal information be provided to public school students' parents and requires school districts to request that families apply for school meals under certain circumstances
- S-553/A-4238 (Zwicker/Conaway, Atkins)** - Adds technology transfer duties to New Jersey Commission on Science, Innovation and Technology
- S-652/A-117 (Oroho, Pou/Space, Calabrese, Wirths)** - Permits governing body of municipalities having population of 30,000 or less to serve as local board of health; validates cc actions
- S-762/A-3786 (Pou, Cruz-Perez/Sumter, Reynolds-Jackson)** - Concerns certification of tax collectors
- S-765/A-3246 (Pou, Pennacchio/Lampitt, Schaer, Murphy)** - Prohibits carrier from precluding dentist from billing covered person under certain circumstances
- S-1211/A-1222 (Singleton, Gopal/Pintor Marin, Mukherji, Park)** - Provides for civil actions against persons or entities profiting from commission of human trafficking offenses, or maintaining victims of such offenses
- S-1228/A-4092 (Greenstein/Diegnan, Benson, Jaffer, Verrelli)** - Allows certain airports to carry over certain grant money into future years
- S-1892/A-4501 (Johnson, Schepisi/Park, Wimberly, Matsikoudis)** - Authorizes certain boards of education to issue bonds to repair damages caused by natural disasters in certain circumstances
- S-2057/A-1174 (Turner, Greenstein/Jasey, Benson, Quijano)** - Requires certain documentation of needs of students with disabilities during school security drills and emergency situations and in school security plans; requires staff training on needs of students with disabilities in emergency planning
- S-2716/A-4153 (Vitale, Turner/Carter, McKnight, Atkins)** - Requires NJ FamilyCare to reimburse claims for covered services submitted by clinical social workers, professional counselors, and marriage and family therapists under certain circumstances
- S-2789/A-3793 (Cruz-Perez, Johnson/Benson, Wimberly, Lopez)** - Requires certain permit holders to complete practice driving hours to obtain probationary driver's license
- S-3013/A-5062 (Scutari, Pou/Carter, Atkins, Stanfield)** - Revises definition of women's business enterprise and minority business enterprise
- S-3079/A-4977 (Diegnan, Lagana/Lampitt, Benson, Wimberly)** - Establishes School Safety and Security Task Force.
- S-3409/A-4785 (Pou, Oroho/McKeon, Flynn, Wimberly)** - Updates certain insurance company investment provisions in accordance with Investments of Insurers Model Act
- S-3490/A-5124 (Smith/Stanley, Calabrese)** - Amends certain requirements for installation of electric vehicle supply equipment and Make-Ready parking spaces
- S-3604/A-5212 (Madden, Cruz-Perez/Murphy, Stanley)** - Authorizes use of healthcare platforms providing discounted prices for payment of prescription and non-prescription drug devices and for telehealth and telemedicine services
- S-3723/A-5365 (Smith/McKeon, Danielsen, Haider)** – “Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Battery Management Act”
- S-3916/A-5486 (Cruz-Perez, Turner/Sauickie, Freiman, Rooney)** - Expands eligibility for wildlife fencing programs to farmers leasing farmland; clarifies eligibility and provides for uniform funding levels for grant recipients
- S-3969/A-5658 (Gopal/Freiman, Murphy)** - Allows for credit against contract cost for primary care services managed by health care provider for public employees and their dependents; allows referrals to other providers that have contractual relationship with such health care provider
- S-4081/A-5891 (Beach, Diegnan/Atkins, Carter)** - Allows board of county commissioners to hold annual meeting at certain additional locations other than Superior Court
- A-111/S-3201 (Space, Wirths, McCarthy Patrick/Oroho, Durr)** - Provides that farm, farmstand, or other agricultural operation selling firewood obtained from property other than seller's shall not be considered lumber yard; prohibits sale of untreated firewood from outside of State
- A-649/S-587 (McClellan, McKnight/Testa)** - Expands purposes for which civil asset forfeiture funds may be used by law enforcement agency
- A-831/S-461 (Jimenez, Rooney, Timberlake/Sacco, Greenstein)** - Provides for reciprocity of certain out-of-State EMT certification; establishes criminal history record background check process
- A-1475/S-1809 (Lopez, Speight, Haider/Ruiz, Cunningham)** - Requires court to consider information concerning coercive control in domestic violence proceedings
- A-1507/S-1503 (McKnight, Carter, Speight/Gopal, Oroho)** - Permits chair or booth rentals for the purpose of providing cosmetology and hairstyling services or ancillary services
- A-1570/S-2216 (Moen/Madden, Singleton)** - Authorizes issuance of special license plates for alumni of four-year public institutions of higher education
- A-1581/S-3880 (Moen, Benson, Conaway/Cruz-Perez, Turner)** - Requires MVC to provide customer service telephone number at motor vehicle inspection facilities
- A-1704/S-1000 (Speight, Pintor Marin, McKnight/Ruiz, Gopal)** - Requires domestic violence orders to be issued in other languages in addition to English under certain circumstances
- ACS for A-1707/S-3700 (Speight, McKnight, Karabinchak/Burgess, Ruiz)** - Establishes presumption that VCCO will order payment to victim of crime
- A-2040/S-540 (Benson, McKnight/Ruiz, Pou)** - Requires Commissioner of Human Services to request authorization for SNAP benefits to be used to pay delivery charges for online grocery purchases
- A-2138/SCS for S-1890 (Moriarty, Mukherji, McKnight/Johnson, Singer)** - Updates regulation of home improvement and home elevation contractors and contractors' businesses
- A-2351/S-2991 (Mukherji, Flynn, Murphy/Singleton)** - Permits court to effectuate equitable distribution when complaint for divorce or dissolution of civil union has been filed and party has died prior to final judgment; provides that surviving party would not receive intestate or elective share

**A-3093/S-1516 (Stanley, Jaffer, Murphy/Greenstein, Gopal)** - Authorizes court to include in domestic violence restraining orders a provision making the order applicable to a pre victim's child upon birth of the child

**A-3737/S-3393 (Speight, Swain, McKnight/Ruiz, O'Scanlon)** - Establishes menstrual health public awareness campaign

**A-4125/S-2712 (Haider, Swain, Stanley/Singleton, Greenstein)** - Prohibits sale, manufacture, distribution, and use of firefighting foam containing intentionally added perfluoroalk and polyfluoroalkyl substances; requires DEP to establish collection and disposal program; appropriates \$250,000

**A-4614/S-3547 (Greenwald, Jasey, Carter, Lampitt/Pou, Vitale)** - Modifies Nursing Faculty Loan Redemption Program

**A-4729/S-3279 (Sauickie, Freiman, Clifton/Stanfield, Cruz-Perez)** - Revises method for appraisals of farmland to be acquired for farmland preservation purposes

**A-4757/S-3263 (Jimenez, Tucker, Atkins/Burgess, Turner)** - Requires DCA to conduct surveys and report data related to homelessness in administering the Rental Assistance Navigation Program

**A-4913/S-3133 (Conaway, Stanley, Wimberly/Johnson, Scutari)** - Requires carriers to offer health care providers more than one method of payment for reimbursement

**A-5036/S-3551 (Tully, Swain, Karabinchak, Lagana/A.M. Bucco)** - Requires "Electronic Permit Processing Review System" in DCA to enable applicant to submit electronic sign and certain other submission materials for permit application review

**A-5208/S-4082 (Coughlin, Munoz, Wimberly/Scutari, A.M. Bucco)** - Extends provisions of P.L.2021, c.498 in certain circumstances

**A-5281/S-2341 (Chaparro, Jimenez, Stanley/Johnson)** - Eliminates position of constable; removes statutory references to constable; repeals various parts of statutory law; implements recommendation of SCI report concerning elimination of constables

**A-5417/S-3890 (Lampitt, Jasey, Swain/Ruiz, Burgess)** - Prohibits limiting number of county college credits that may be applied towards educator preparation program and teach certification requirements

**A-5501/SCS for S-3895 (Jasey/Zwicker, Sarlo, Ruiz)** - Adjusts bid threshold amounts for certain public research universities; permits certain contracts for school districts, municipalities, and counties to be awarded by qualified purchasing agent

**A-5648/S-3933 (Barranco, Rooney/A.M. Bucco)** - Authorizes State Treasurer to sell as surplus property certain land and improvements in Township of Morris in Morris County

**A-5813/S-3392 (Wimberly, Sumter/Pou)** - Exempts electricity sold to certain recovered materials manufacturing facilities from renewable energy portfolio standards

**AJR-230/SJR-129 (Karabinchak, Schaer, Freiman/Diegnan, Beach, A.M. Bucco)** - Recognizes 75th anniversary of establishment of State of Israel

Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bills:

**S-539/A-2140 (Ruiz, Pou/Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Mosquera) - CONDITIONAL** - Permits online purchase of eligible foods using WIC funds and use of WIC funds for groc delivery charges

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**S-1680/A-2257 (Pou, Ruiz/Murphy, Quijano, Wimberly) - CONDITIONAL** - Designates each community college in State as provider of allowable services under SNAP employm and training program

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**S-2535/A-4048 (Polistina, Pou/Benson, McKnight, Reynolds-Jackson, Carter) - CONDITIONAL** - Requires health benefits coverage of hearing aids and cochlear implants for insureds aged 21 or younger

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**SCS for S-3632 and 3649/ACS for A-1948 (Johnson, Cryan/Haider, Conaway, Quijano) - CONDITIONAL** - Requires labeling of non-flushable disposable wipes

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**A-2146/S-855 (Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Sumter/Singleton, Beach) - CONDITIONAL** - Creates State business assistance program to establish contracting agency procure goals for socially and economically disadvantaged business enterprises

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**A-3092/S-2415 (Stanley, Jaffer, Mukherji/Gopal, Ruiz) - CONDITIONAL** - Requires State agencies update demographic data collection methods on Asian, Native Hawaiian, Pa Islander, Middle Eastern, North African, and South Asian and Indian Diaspora residents of this State

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**A-4033/S-2657 (Coughlin, Wimberly/Sarlo, Ruiz) - CONDITIONAL** - Extends deadline for completion of school district's annual audit

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**ACS for A-4821 and 4823/S-3283 (Karabinchak, Conaway, Schaer/Greenstein, Zwicker) - CONDITIONAL** - Directs DEP to take certain actions concerning identification and testing of microplastics in drinking water, and requires DEP and BPU to study and promote use of microplastics removal technologies

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**A-5416/S-3883 (Wimberly, Giblin, Haider/Greenstein, Turner) - CONDITIONAL** - Requires State Board of Education to authorize alternate route to expedite teacher certifiator persons employed as paraprofessionals in school districts

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**A-5610/S-3954 (Greenwald, Spearman, Chaparro/Beach, A.M. Bucco) - CONDITIONAL** - Revises penalties for possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by underag persons

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Governor Murphy absolute vetoed the following bills:

**ACS for A-3677 and 2807/SS for S-2186 (Stanley, Verrelli, Jaffer, Calabrese/Greenstein, Smith) - ABSOLUTE** - Prohibits sale, distribution, import, export or propagation of ce invasive species without permit from Department of Agriculture; establishes NJ Invasive Species Council

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**A-5283/S-3939 (Tully, Greenwald, Mosquera/Lagana, Gopal) – ABSOLUTE** - Requires calculation of national average time needed to approve applications for initial credential i profession or occupation and use of average time as standard in New Jersey

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