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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator RUSSO

Referred to Committee on Institutions, Health and Welfare

AN ACT concerning special State utility supplements to the Supplemental Security Income program and amending P. L. 1979, c. 197 and P. L. 1981, c. 210.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 4 of P. L. 1979, c. 197 (C. 48:2-29.18) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 4. Upon certification by the Commissioner of the Department of
4 Human Services, the State Treasurer shall pay to each electric and
5 gas utility the amount of the credit provided for each eligible
6 residential customer served by such utility. The payments shall be
7 made pursuant to a schedule approved by the Director of the
8 Division of Budget and Accounting and payments made for unused
9 credit shall be returned to the Casino Revenue Fund pursuant to
10 a plan approved by him. For eligible residential customers receiv-
11 ing benefits pursuant to the program of Supplementary Security
12 Income under P. L. 1973, c. 256 (C. 44:7-85 et seq.), the credit shall
13 consist of a special State **[Utility]** *utility* supplement to the Supple-
14 mentary Security Income program and shall be made in 12 monthly
15 installments. *If, at the end of a year, a person eligible for the*
16 *special State utility supplement has not received the full credit for*
17 *that year, a payment for the balance thereof shall, upon certification*
18 *by the commissioner, be issued by the State Treasurer.* This special
19 State utility supplement shall be in addition to existing supple-
20 mentary payments which have been or may be authorized and made
21 pursuant to P. L. 1973, c. 256 (C. 44:7-85 et seq.).

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 printed in italics thus is new matter.

1 2. Section 5 of P. L. 1981, c. 210 (C. 48:2-29.34) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 5. a. Upon certification by the commissioner, the State Treasurer
4 shall issue a tenants assistance payment to each residential tenant
5 found eligible for the "Tenants' Lifeline Assistance Program."
6 For residential tenants found eligible between July 1 and December
7 31 of 1981 or any year thereafter, the tenants assistance payment
8 shall be made during October, or as soon as practicable after
9 eligibility has been determined, and during October of each year
10 thereafter for which eligibility is determined.

11 b. For eligible residential tenants receiving benefits pursuant to
12 the program of Supplementary Security Income under P. L. 1973,
13 c. 256 (C. 44:7-85 et seq.), the tenants assistance payment shall
14 consist of a special State utility supplement to the Supplementary
15 Security Income program and shall be made in 12 monthly
16 installments. *If, at the end of a year, a person eligible for the*
17 *special State utility supplement has not received the full tenants*
18 *assistance payment for that year, a payment for the balance thereof*
19 *shall, upon certification by the commissioner, be issued by the State*
20 *Treasurer.* This special State utility supplement shall be in addi-
21 tion to existing supplementary payments which have been or may
22 be authorized and made pursuant to P. L. 1973, c. 256 (C. 44:7-85
23 et seq.).

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill permits all the participants in New Jersey's "Lifeline Credit Program" and "Tenants' Lifeline Assistance Program" who receive the benefits of these programs as special State utility supplements to their Supplementary Security Income payments to receive the maximum benefit of these State programs. Presently, the law provides for these supplements to be paid in 12 monthly installments each year. This bill provides, upon certification by the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services, for an additional payment of the balance of the benefit to any person who, in any year, has not received the full benefit.
