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Assembly, No. 4786

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# ASSEMBLY, No. 4786

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 11, 2017

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman ADAM J. TALIAFERRO**  
**District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)**  
**Assemblyman VINCENT MAZZEO**  
**District 2 (Atlantic)**  
**Assemblywoman ELIANA PINTOR MARIN**  
**District 29 (Essex)**  
**Assemblywoman PAMELA R. LAMPITT**  
**District 6 (Burlington and Camden)**  
**Senator NILSA CRUZ-PEREZ**  
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**Co-Sponsored by:**

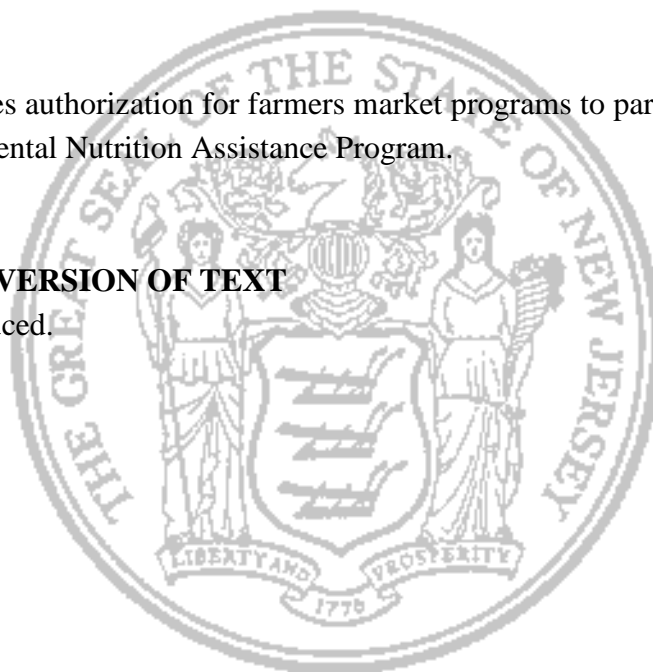
**Assemblywoman Mosquera, Assemblyman McKeon and Senator Madden**

**SYNOPSIS**

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# ASSEMBLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 4786

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 5, 2017

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SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4786**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 4, 2017

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As reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 3402 (Cruz-Perez/Diegman), which the committee also reported favorably on this date.

# SENATE, No. 3402

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INTRODUCED JULY 1, 2017

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**Senator PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.**

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