

44:10-81.1

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LAWS OF: 2002 **CHAPTER:** 16

NJSA: 44:10-81.1 (Streamline food stamp application)

BILL NO: A306 (Substituted for S1138)

SPONSOR(S): Gusciora and Watson-Coleman

DATE INTRODUCED: Pre-filed

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Family, Women and Children's Services
 SENATE: Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** February 11, 2002
 SENATE: March 7, 2002

DATE OF APPROVAL: April 15, 2002

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

[FINAL TEXT OF BILL](#) (1st reprint enacted)
(Amendments during passage denoted by superscript numbers)

S306
[SPONSORS STATEMENT](#): (Begins on page 2 of original bill) [Yes](#)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: [ASSEMBLY:](#) [Yes](#)

[SENATE:](#) [Yes](#)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

A1138
[SPONSORS STATEMENT](#): (Begins on page 2 of original bill) [Yes](#)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** No

[SENATE:](#) [Yes](#)
Identical to Senate Statement to S306

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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P.L. 2002, CHAPTER 16, *approved April 15, 2002*
Assembly, No. 306 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning applications for food stamp benefits and
2 supplementing Title 44 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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7 1. ¹ a.¹ The Commissioner of Human Services shall ¹review and
8 to the maximum extent permissible under federal law,¹ streamline the
9 application form for participation in the federal food stamp program
10 authorized by Title XIII of the "Food and Agriculture Act of 1977,"
11 Pub.L.95-113 (7 U.S.C.s.2011 et seq.), and the New Jersey
12 Supplementary Food Stamp Program established pursuant to
13 P.L.1998, c.32 (C.44:10-79 et seq.), which is currently used by
14 persons who are not applying for other public assistance, so that the
15 appropriate form, including all instructions and information relating to
16 the application procedure, eligibility determination, and accompanying
17 information that is required to be furnished by the applicant, ¹[is no
18 more than five pages in length. The commissioner shall require that
19 use of the streamlined application form commence no later than the
20 180th day after the effective date of this act] contains ordinary and
21 concise language.

22 b. In performing the review, the commissioner shall examine food
23 stamp applications used by other states which utilize their food stamp
24 applications for one or more programs¹.

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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31 Requires Commissioner of Human Services to streamline food stamp
32 application form.

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly AFW committee amendments adopted February 4, , 2002.

ASSEMBLY, No. 306

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2002 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman REED GUSCIORA

District 15 (Mercer)

Assemblywoman BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN

District 15 (Mercer)

SYNOPSIS

Requires Commissioner of Human Services to streamline food stamp application form.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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24 STATEMENT

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26 This bill requires the Commissioner of Human Services to
27 streamline the application form for participation in the federal food
28 stamp program and the New Jersey Supplementary Food Stamp
29 Program, which is currently used by persons who are not applying for
30 other public assistance, so that the appropriate form, including all
31 instructions and information relating to the application procedure,
32 eligibility determination, and accompanying information that is
33 required to be furnished by the applicant, is no more than five pages
34 in length. The commissioner shall require that use of the streamlined
35 application form commence no later than the 180th day after the
36 effective date of the bill.

37 The purpose of this bill is to require that New Jersey emulate other
38 states that have adopted the use of a shorter, more "user-friendly"
39 application form for food stamp applicants. It is the sponsor's intent
40 that this form be designed in such a manner that the effort required to
41 complete it is not unduly burdensome to the applicant.

ASSEMBLY FAMILY, WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S
SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 306

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 4, 2002

The Assembly Family, Women and Children's Services Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 306.

As amended by the committee, this bill requires the Commissioner of Human Services to review and, to the maximum extent permissible under federal law, streamline the application form for participation in the federal food stamp program and the New Jersey Supplementary Food Stamp Program, which is currently used by persons who are not applying for other public assistance, so that the appropriate form, including all instructions and information relating to the application procedure, eligibility determination, and accompanying information that is required to be furnished by the applicant, contains ordinary and concise language. In addition, the commissioner is required to examine food stamp applications used by other states which utilize their food stamp applications for one or more programs.

The purpose of this bill is to require that New Jersey emulate other states that have adopted the use of a shorter, more "user-friendly" application form for food stamp applicants.

The committee amendments seek to ensure that the application form is designed in such a manner that the effort required to complete it is not unduly burdensome to the applicant.

The amendments require the commissioner to: review and, to the maximum extent permissible under federal law, streamline the application so that the form contains ordinary and concise language; and examine food stamp applications of other states which use their applications for one or more programs. The amendments also delete the requirement that the application be no more than five pages in length and that the use of the application commence no later than 180 days after the effective date of the bill.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2002-2003 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[FIRST REPRINT]

ASSEMBLY, No. 306

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 25, 2002

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 306(1R).

This bill requires the Commissioner of Human Services to review and, to the maximum extent permissible under federal law, streamline the application form for participation in the federal food stamp program and the New Jersey Supplementary Food Stamp Program, which is currently used by persons who are not applying for other public assistance, so that the appropriate form, including all instructions and information relating to the application procedure, eligibility determination, and accompanying information that is required to be furnished by the applicant, contains ordinary and concise language. In addition, the commissioner is required to examine food stamp applications used by other states which utilize their food stamp applications for one or more programs.

The purpose of this bill is to require that New Jersey emulate other states that have adopted the use of a shorter, more "user-friendly" application form for food stamp applicants. The bill seeks to ensure that the application form is designed in such a manner that the effort required to complete it is not unduly burdensome to the applicant.

This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1138 (Turner), which the committee also reported on this date.

SENATE, No. 1138

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 21, 2002

Sponsored by:

Senator SHIRLEY K. TURNER

District 15 (Mercer)

Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE

District 19 (Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

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(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/1/2002)

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CITIZENS COMMITTEE

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SENATE, No. 1138

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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