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**BACKGROUND:**

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Committee Meeting of Assembly Federal Relations Committee: testimony concerning the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, and the impact the Medicare drug program will have on the State's Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled, and Senior Gold Programs [February 26, 2004, Trenton, New Jersey] / meeting recorded and transcribed by the Office of Legislative Services, Public Information Office, Hearing Unit.

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**ASSEMBLY, No. 137**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**213th LEGISLATURE**

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PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2008 SESSION

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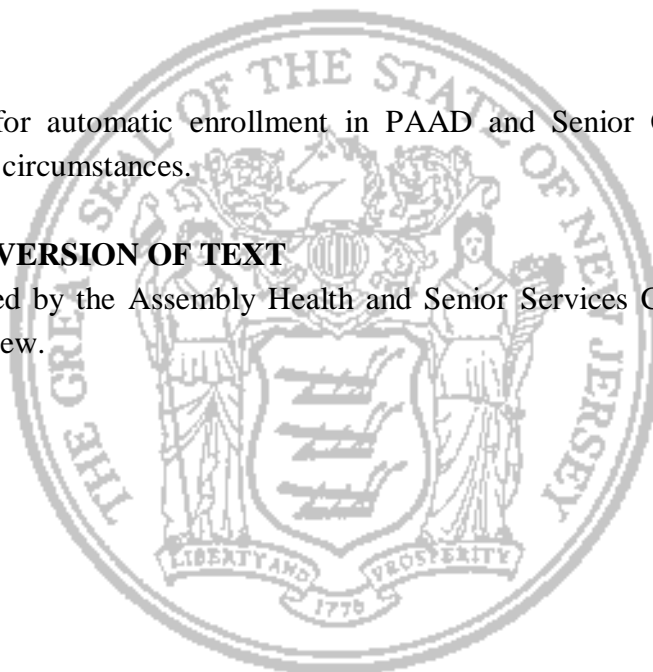
**Assemblywoman Lampitt, Assemblymen Wolfe, Conners, Conaway, Schaer, Chivukula, Diegnan, Senators Allen, Vitale, Baroni, Gordon, T.Kean, Redd, Rice, Singer, Ciesla, Ruiz and Turner**

**SYNOPSIS**

Provides for automatic enrollment in PAAD and Senior Gold programs under certain circumstances.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee with technical review.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/8/2010)**

1 AN ACT concerning State pharmaceutical assistance programs and  
2 supplementing Title 30 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. a. If a person who is a recipient of benefits under the  
8 "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled," or PAAD  
9 program becomes ineligible for PAAD because the person's income  
10 exceeds the program's income eligibility limit and the person still  
11 remains eligible for the "Senior Gold Prescription Discount  
12 Program," the person shall be enrolled automatically in the "Senior  
13 Gold Prescription Discount Program."

14 b. If a person who is a recipient of benefits under the "Senior  
15 Gold Prescription Discount Program" has a decrease in income that  
16 renders the person eligible for PAAD, the person shall  
17 automatically be enrolled in PAAD.

18 c. The Department of Health and Senior Services shall  
19 establish one application form for use in applying for the PAAD  
20 program and the "Senior Gold Prescription Discount Program."  
21 The form shall provide for the inclusion of all information  
22 necessary to determine eligibility for both programs and advise  
23 applicants of the automatic enrollment provisions of subsections a.  
24 and b. of this section.

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26 2. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after enactment.

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**SYNOPSIS**

Provides for automatic enrollment in PAAD and Senior Gold programs under certain circumstances.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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11 remains eligible for the "Senior Gold Prescription Discount  
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STATEMENT

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31 This bill provides for automatic enrollment in either the "Senior  
32 Gold Prescription Discount Program" or the "Pharmaceutical  
33 Assistance to the Aged and Disabled" (PAAD) program if a person  
34 becomes ineligible for one program but remains eligible for the  
35 other program.

36 Under the provisions of the bill, if a person who is a recipient of  
37 benefits under PAAD becomes ineligible for that program because  
38 the person's income exceeds the PAAD income eligibility limit and  
39 the person still remains eligible for the "Senior Gold Prescription  
40 Discount Program," the person would be enrolled automatically in  
41 Senior Gold. Income eligibility limits for Senior Gold are up to  
42 \$10,000 greater than those of PAAD.

43 Similarly, if a person who is a recipient of benefits under Senior  
44 Gold has a decrease in income that renders the person eligible for  
45 PAAD, the person would be enrolled automatically in PAAD.

46 The bill has a delayed effective date of 60 days after enactment  
47 to allow time for the Department of Health and Senior Services to  
48 establish one application form for use in applying for both

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1 programs. The form would provide for the inclusion of all  
2 information necessary to determine eligibility for both programs  
3 and advise applicants of the automatic enrollment provisions of the  
4 bill.

# ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 137

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 7, 2009

The Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 137.

This bill provides for automatic enrollment in either the “Senior Gold Prescription Discount Program” or the “Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled” (PAAD) program if a person becomes ineligible for one program but remains eligible for the other program.

Under the provisions of the bill, if a person who is a recipient of benefits under PAAD becomes ineligible for that program because the person's income exceeds the PAAD income eligibility limit and the person still remains eligible for the “Senior Gold Prescription Discount Program,” the person would be enrolled automatically in Senior Gold. Income eligibility limits for Senior Gold are up to \$10,000 greater than those of PAAD.

Similarly, if a person who is a recipient of benefits under Senior Gold has a decrease in income that renders the person eligible for PAAD, the person would be automatically enrolled in PAAD.

The bill has a delayed effective date of 60 days after enactment to allow time for the Department of Health and Senior Services to establish one application form for use in applying for both programs. The form would provide for the inclusion of all information necessary to determine eligibility for both programs and advise applicants of the automatic enrollment provisions of the bill.

This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 149 (Allen/Vitale), which is currently pending before the Senate.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2008-2009 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.



**SENATE, No. 149**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**213th LEGISLATURE**

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PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2008 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator DIANE B. ALLEN**

**District 7 (Burlington and Camden)**

**Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE**

**District 19 (Middlesex)**

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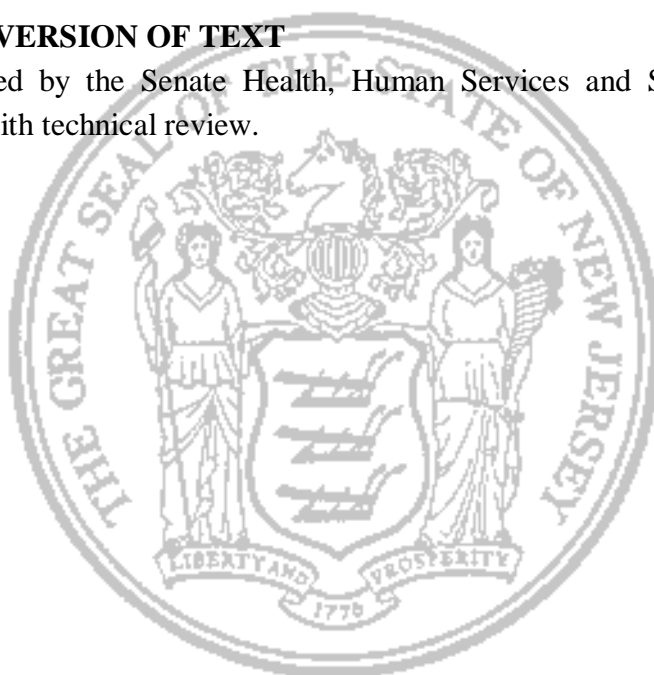
**Senators Baroni, Gordon, T.Kean, Redd, Rice, Singer, Ciesla, Ruiz and Turner**

**SYNOPSIS**

Provides for automatic enrollment in PAAD and Senior Gold programs under certain circumstances.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee with technical review.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/8/2010)**

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18 c. The Department of Health and Senior Services shall  
19 establish one application form for use in applying for the PAAD  
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22 necessary to determine eligibility for both programs and advise  
23 applicants of the automatic enrollment provisions of subsections a.  
24 and b. of this section.

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26 2. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after enactment.

# SENATE, No. 149

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 213th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2008 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

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**District 7 (Burlington and Camden)**

**Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE**

**District 19 (Middlesex)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senators Baroni, Gordon, T.Kean, Redd, Rice and Singer**

**SYNOPSIS**

Provides for automatic enrollment in PAAD and Senior Gold programs under certain circumstances.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/10/2009)**

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- 3 bill.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 149**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 9, 2009

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 149.

This bill provides for automatic enrollment in either the "Senior Gold Prescription Discount Program" or the "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled" (PAAD) program if a person becomes ineligible for one program but remains eligible for the other program.

Under the provisions of the bill, if a person who is a recipient of benefits under PAAD becomes ineligible for that program because the person's income exceeds the PAAD income eligibility limit and the person still remains eligible for the "Senior Gold Prescription Discount Program," the person would be enrolled automatically in Senior Gold. Income eligibility limits for Senior Gold are up to \$10,000 greater than those of PAAD.

Similarly, if a person who is a recipient of benefits under Senior Gold has a decrease in income that renders the person eligible for PAAD, the person would be enrolled automatically in PAAD.

The bill has a delayed effective date of 60 days after enactment to allow time for the Department of Health and Senior Services to establish one application form for use in applying for both programs. The form would provide for the inclusion of all information necessary to determine eligibility for both programs and advise applicants of the automatic enrollment provisions of the bill.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 137 (Ramos), which is pending in the Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2008-2009 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.