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SENATE, No. 978

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 5, 1994

By Senator CIESLA

1 AN ACT concerning the State program of financial assistance for
2 persons with cystic fibrosis and amending P.L.1989, c.270.

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

6 1. Section 3 of P.L.1989, c.270 (C.26:2O-3) is amended to read
7 as follows:

8 3. a. A person with cystic fibrosis is eligible for assistance
9 under this act for the purchase of supplemental, nutritious foods
10 and prescription drugs and medical supplies and equipment that
11 are necessary for the treatment of cystic fibrosis, if the person is
12 18 years of age or older and (1) the person's annual income is less
13 than [~~\$25,000~~] \$30,000; or (2) the person's annual income is
14 [~~\$25,000~~] \$30,000 or greater, but the person has incurred, within
15 the last 12 months, prescription drug and medical supplies and
16 equipment costs related to the treatment of cystic fibrosis, the
17 total cost of which, when deducted from the person's income,
18 reduces the person's income to under [~~\$25,000~~] \$30,000.

19 b. A person with cystic fibrosis who is 18 years of age or older
20 who has health insurance is eligible for financial assistance under
21 this act of up to \$500 per year to help meet the cost of the
22 deductible on the insurance policy if the person's annual income
23 is less than \$30,000. This financial assistance may be provided in
24 addition to assistance for the purchase of supplemental,
25 nutritious foods and pharmaceutical drugs and medical supplies
26 and equipment [and shall be provided without consideration of the
27 person's annual income].

28 c. Beginning in January 1995 and annually thereafter, the
29 income eligibility limits provided in subsections a. and b. of this
30 section shall increase in accordance with the Consumer Price
31 Index published by the federal government. The Commissioner of
32 Health shall annually adopt the new income eligibility limits by
33 regulation, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
34 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

35 (cf: P.L.1989, c.270, s.3)

36 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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41 This bill increases the income eligibility limits for recipients
42 who receive benefits under the State program of financial

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 underlined thus is new matter.

1 assistance for persons with cystic fibrosis. The annual income
2 eligibility limit is increased from \$25,000 to \$30,000 for a person
3 with cystic fibrosis to receive assistance for the purchase of
4 supplemental, nutritious foods and prescription drugs and medical
5 supplies and equipment that are necessary for the treatment of
6 cystic fibrosis. If the person's income is \$30,000 or greater, but
7 the person has incurred, during the last 12 months, prescription
8 drug and medical supplies and equipment costs related to the
9 treatment of cystic fibrosis, which, when deducted from the
10 person's income, reduces the person's income to under \$30,000,
11 the person would also be eligible for financial assistance under
12 this bill.

13 The bill additionally amends the cystic fibrosis financial
14 assistance program by limiting the financial assistance available
15 for the payment of health insurance deductible costs to a person
16 with cystic fibrosis whose annual income is less than \$30,000.

17 Finally, the bill provides for the annual adjustment of the
18 income eligibility limits by the Commissioner of Health, in
19 accordance with the Consumer Price Index published by the
20 federal government, beginning in January, 1995.

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26 Makes certain changes to the State program of financial
assistance for persons with cystic fibrosis.

ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 978

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 12, 1994

The Assembly Health and Human Resources Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 978.

This bill increases the income eligibility limits for recipients who receive benefits under the State program of financial assistance for persons with cystic fibrosis established pursuant to P.L.1989, c.270 (C.26:2O-1 et seq.). The annual income eligibility limit is increased from \$25,000 to \$30,000 for a person with cystic fibrosis to receive assistance for the purchase of supplemental, nutritious foods and prescription drugs and medical supplies and equipment that are necessary for the treatment of cystic fibrosis. If the person's income is \$30,000 or greater, but during the last 12 months, the person has incurred prescription drug and medical supplies and equipment costs related to the treatment of cystic fibrosis, which, when deducted from the person's income, reduces the person's income to under \$30,000, the person would also be eligible for financial assistance under this bill.

The bill additionally amends the cystic fibrosis financial assistance program by limiting the financial assistance available for the payment of health insurance deductible costs to a person with cystic fibrosis whose annual income is less than \$30,000. Current law does not provide for any income eligibility limits for this financial assistance.

Finally, the bill provides for the annual adjustment of the income eligibility limits by the Commissioner of Health, in accordance with the Consumer Price Index published by the federal government, beginning in January, 1995.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1653 (Bagger), which the committee also reported on this date.

SENATE HEALTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 978

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 6, 1994

The Senate Health Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 978.

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