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LEGISLATIVE FACT SHEET

ON

N.J.R.S. 44:7-5 (Old age assistance - Hospital pat.)
(1966 Amendment)

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CHAPTER 190

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ASSEMBLY 784

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BY Kordja, Greco, Scher,
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STATEMENT

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 23, 1966

By Assemblywoman KORDJA, Assemblymen GRECCO, BIBER
and GAVAN

Referred to Committee on Institutions, Public Health and Welfare

AN ACT concerning old age assistance and amending section 44:7-5 of the Revised
Statutes.

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

1 1. Section 44:7-5 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:
2 44:7-5. Old age assistance shall be granted under this chapter to any
3 person who:

4 a. Has attained the age of 65 years;

5 b. Lacks adequate support; is unable to support himself; is without par-
6 ents, spouse, or children able to support him and without other persons able
7 and willing to support him;

8 c. Is a resident of this State, and has so resided therein for a period of 1
9 year immediately preceding the date of application; if, however, Federal aid
10 should not be made available to this State, or if, after being made available,
11 it should be withdrawn, all persons whose applications are then pending and
12 not acted upon and all persons applying thereafter for assistance under this
13 chapter shall be required to have resided in and been domiciled in this State
14 continuously for at least 5 years immediately preceding the date of applica-
15 tion;

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

16 d. Is not [an inmate of] *involuntarily confined in* any public or private
17 institution [where he is involuntarily confined] *other than a medical institu-*
18 *tion*, and is not[, because of physical or mental condition, or other cause,] a
19 resident or patient in any public or private [hospital or other] medical in-
20 stitution *other than a hospital*;

21 e. Has not made a voluntary assignment or transfer of property for the
22 purpose of qualifying for such assistance or for the purpose of evading
23 responsibility under section 44:7-14 of this Title;

24 f. Is found, after due investigation and determination as hereinafter pro-
25 vided, to be in need of assistance.

1 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1966.

STATEMENT

As of July 1, 1966 persons 65 years of age and older will be eligible for hospital insurance benefits (Part A, Title XVIII, Federal Social Security Act) covering 90 days of hospital care, subject to payment of a \$40.00 deductible and \$10.00 per diem coinsurance for the sixty-first through ninetieth day. It is estimated that a monthly average of 350 persons receiving Old Age Assistance will require hospital care and need financial aid to meet the deductible and coinsurance costs. Due to limitations in the present law these persons would have to be transferred to the program of Medical Assistance for the Aged in order to permit payment of these costs. The purpose of this bill is to make the necessary financial aid for hospitalization available to such needy aged persons by continuing them on the Old Age Assistance program while they are receiving care in a public or private hospital. The effect of the bill will be to eliminate the necessity for burdensome administrative activity involved in transfers between programs in 98% of the cases, while still preserving the same level of Federal financial participation in the costs incident to hospitalization.