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P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 93, *approved May 12, 2021*  
Assembly, No. 4240 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning applications for the Supplemental Nutrition  
2 Assistance Program and supplementing Title 44 of the Revised  
3 Statutes.

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

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8 1. <sup>2</sup>a.<sup>2</sup> Consistent with federal law, the Commissioner of Human  
9 Services shall permit applicants for the <sup>1</sup>["federal food stamp program,  
10 authorized by Title XIII of] Supplemental Nutrition Assistance  
11 Program, established pursuant to<sup>1</sup> the "Food and <sup>1</sup>["Agriculture]  
12 Nutrition<sup>1</sup> Act of <sup>1</sup>["1977"] 2008<sup>1</sup>," Pub.L.<sup>1</sup>["95-113"] 110-246<sup>1</sup> (7  
13 U.S.C.s.2011 et seq.), to apply by phone<sup>2</sup> [, <sup>1</sup>to<sup>1</sup> upload required  
14 documentation through an online application, and <sup>1</sup>to<sup>1</sup> submit required  
15 documentation by electronic mail if the online application is  
16 unavailable]<sup>2</sup>.

17 <sup>2</sup>b. The commissioner shall:

18 (1) consult with county welfare agencies and county boards of  
19 social services to create an electronic record information processing  
20 system to process telephonic applications submitted for the  
21 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program pursuant to subsection a.  
22 of this section, and ensure the system is in compliance with federal  
23 standards; and

24 (2) apply and receive approval for such waivers as may be  
25 necessary to implement the provisions of this section.<sup>2</sup>

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27 2. This act shall take effect 180 days after the date of  
28 enactment.

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33 Provides for technological upgrade of application process for  
34 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AHU committee amendments adopted August 10, 2020.

<sup>2</sup>Senate SHH committee amendments adopted December 7, 2020.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 4240

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 8, 2020

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman JOANN DOWNEY**

**District 11 (Monmouth)**

**Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE**

**District 37 (Bergen)**

**Assemblyman ERIC HOUGHTALING**

**District 11 (Monmouth)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman Benson**

**SYNOPSIS**

Provides for technological upgrade of application process for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 8/10/2020)**

A4240 DOWNEY, VAINIERI HUTTLE

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# ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 4240**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: AUGUST 10, 2020

The Assembly Human Services Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 4240.

As amended by the committee, this bill provides for a technological upgrade of the application process for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Specifically, the bill requires the Commissioner of Human Services to permit SNAP applicants to apply by phone, to upload required documentation through an online application, and to submit required documentation by electronic mail in any case where the online NJ SNAP application is unavailable.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to correct a citational reference to the federal food stamp program, which was officially renamed as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in 2008, pursuant to Pub.L.110-246. These amendments ensure that the citation used in the bill is consistent with SNAP citations used in other State statutes. The amendments also make minor technical changes to enhance clarity.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4240**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2020

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4240 (1R).

This bill provides for a technological upgrade of the application process for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Specifically, the bill requires the Commissioner of Human Services to permit SNAP applicants to apply by phone, to upload required documentation through an online application, and to submit required documentation by electronic mail in any case where the online NJ SNAP application is unavailable.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 4240 (1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 2855 which was also reported by the committee on this date.

**SENATE, No. 2855**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**219th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED AUGUST 27, 2020

**Sponsored by:**  
**Senator NELLIE POU**  
**District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Provides for technological upgrade of application process for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.





S2855 POU

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SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**SENATE, No. 2855**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2020

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Services Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2855.

As amended by the committee, this bill provides for a technological upgrade of the application process for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Specifically, the bill requires the Commissioner of Human Services to permit SNAP applicants to apply for the program by phone.

The bill, as amended by the committee, requires the commissioner to: consult with county welfare agencies and county boards of social services to create an electronic record information processing system to process telephonic applications submitted for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and ensure the system is compliant with federal standards; and apply and receive approval for such waivers as may be necessary to implement the provisions of the bill.

As reported by the committee with amendments, Senate Bill No. 2855 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4240 (1R), which was also amended and reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to correct a citational reference to the federal food stamp program, which was officially renamed as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in 2008, pursuant to Pub.L.110-246. These amendments ensure that the citation used in the bill is consistent with SNAP citations used in other State statutes.

The committee amendments remove the requirement that applicants who apply for SNAP benefits upload required documentation through an online application and to submit that documentation by electronic mail if the online application is unavailable.

The committee amendments also require the commissioner to: consult with county welfare agencies and county boards of social services to create an electronic record information processing system to process telephonic applications submitted for the Supplemental

Nutrition Assistance Program, and ensure the system is compliant with federal standards; and apply and receive approval for such waivers as may be necessary to implement the provisions of the bill.

# Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

05/12/2021

**TRENTON** – Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills into law:

**A-740/S-2846 (Johnson, Conaway, DeCroce/Gopal, Singleton)** – Requires State agencies in awarding contracts for purchase of items that require power source to consider items powered by fuel cells

**A-3384/S-3171 (McKeon/Pou)** – Makes various revisions to "Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act"; renames act to "Uniform Voidable Transactions Act"

**A-4240/S-2855 (Downey, Vainieri Huttel, Houghtaling, Coughlin/Pou, Turner)** – Provides for technological upgrade of application process for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

**A-4246/S-3175 (Verrelli, Benson, Vainieri Huttel/Pou, Corrado)** – Permits expedited licensure in mental health professions for certain individuals during state of emergency or public health emergency

**A-4477/S-2789 (Chiaravalloti, Conaway, Downey/Vitale, Weinberg)** – Revises licensure, operational, and reporting requirements for nursing homes

**ACS for A-4556 and 4145/S-2611 (Karabinchak, Zwicker, Quijano/Smith, Bateman)** – Requires BPU to establish and maintain electronic public document search system on its website; requires BPU to provide certain notice of its meetings and hold quarterly public comment meetings

**A-4671/S-3326 (Schaer, Swain, Tully/Ruiz, Singleton)** – Requires public and local utilities to provide notice to residential customers of available relief measures during coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic

**ACS for A-4805/SCS for S-3169 (Freiman, Tully, Danielsen/Pou, Gopal)** – Requires certain insurers to provide summary concerning business interruption insurance

**A-4806/S-3188 (Dancer, Chiaravalloti/Pou, Singleton)** – Permits municipalities to authorize programs encouraging local shopping through property tax rewards; validates certain related municipal actions

**A-4932/S-3066 (Johnson, Murphy, Downey/Pou)** – Permits use of alternate names by limited liability partnerships

**A-5222/S-3306 (Mukherji, Verrelli, Lopez/Diegnan, Turner)** – Authorizes optometrists to administer immunizations against coronaviruses and influenza under certain circumstances

Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bills:

**A-850/S-2864 (Chiaravalloti, Karabinchak, Reynolds-Jackson/Oroho, Singleton)** – **CONDITIONAL** – Establishes "Broadband Access Study Commission"

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**A-2116/S-2009 (Tully, Swain, Armato/Lagana)** – **CONDITIONAL** – Requires State Treasurer to submit report to Legislature every six months identifying deadlines for applications for federal funds by State

agencies

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