

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3709

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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 209th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

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

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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

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21 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### 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.

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