

ASSEMBLY, No. 1072

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblyman ROMA

1 AN ACT concerning the grace period for payment of rent and  
2 amending P.L.1976, c.100.

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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. Section 3 of P.L.1976, c.100 (C.2A:42-6.3) is amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 3. The provisions of this act shall only be applicable to premises  
10 rented or leased by senior citizens receiving Social Security Old Age  
11 Pensions, Railroad Retirement Pensions or other governmental  
12 pensions in lieu of Social Security Old Age Pensions, and by recipients  
13 of Social Security Disability Benefits, Supplemental Security Income,  
14 Aid to Families with Dependent Children, or General Public  
15 Assistance.

16 (cf: P.L.1976, c.100, s.3)

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18 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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23 This bill would extend to all governmental assistance recipients,  
24 including recipients of social security disability benefits, the grace  
25 period for payment of rent now granted to senior citizens who receive  
26 social security payments or other governmental pensions.  
27 Governmental assistance recipients are often forced to pay their rent  
28 late when their governmental assistance checks arrive late. Under the  
29 current law, senior citizens who receive governmental pensions are  
30 given a five-day grace period in which rent due on the first of the  
31 month may be paid. No delinquency or other late charges may be  
32 imposed which include the five-day grace period. This bill would

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

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

1 include all governmental assistance recipients in the rental late fee  
2 grace period.

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6 Allows grace period for payment of rent for governmental assistance  
7 recipients.