

ASSEMBLY, No. 1153

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblymen COHEN and IMPREVEDUTO

1 AN ACT to amend and supplement "An Act making appropriations for  
2 the support of the State Government and the several public  
3 purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995 and regulating the  
4 disbursement thereof," approved June 30, 1994 (P.L. 1994, c.67).

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

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9 1. Section 1 of P.L.1994, c.67, the fiscal year 1995 annual  
10 appropriations act, is amended to read as follows:

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13 DIRECT STATE SERVICES  
14 54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
15 20 Physical and Mental Health  
16 24 Special Health Services  
17 7540 Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services

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19 The Commissioner of Human Services shall increase the minimum  
20 and maximum fees paid to a pharmacist who holds a retail permit for  
21 dispensing a prescription drug under the Medicaid and Pharmaceutical  
22 Assistance to the Aged and Disabled programs to a person other than  
23 a nursing home patient to \$4.23 and \$4.48, respectively. The  
24 Commissioner of Human Services shall identify savings from  
25 department appropriations for Direct State Services, Grants-in-Aid,  
26 State Aid or Capital Construction for transfer to the Division of  
27 Medical Assistance and Health Services sufficient to raise these fees  
28 as herein provided.

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30 2. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after enactment.

**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.

STATEMENT

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3       This bill adds language to the FY 1995 appropriations act to  
4 increase the minimum and maximum fees paid to pharmacists who hold  
5 retail permits for dispensing prescription drugs under the Medicaid and  
6 PAAD programs to a person other than a nursing home patient to  
7 \$4.23 and \$4.48, respectively. These dispensing fees have not been  
8 increased since July 1988. The increase provided in this bill will  
9 enable pharmacists to continue providing and dispensing prescriptions  
10 to Medicaid and PAAD recipients.

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15       Increases Medicaid and PAAD prescription drug dispensing fees.