

ASSEMBLY, No. 2661

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblywoman GILL

1 AN ACT to amend "An Act making appropriations for the support of
2 the State Government and the several public purposes for the fiscal
3 year ending June 30, 1997 and regulating the disbursement
4 thereof," approved June 28, 1996 (P.L.1996, c.42)

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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. The following language provisions of section 1 of P.L.1996,
10 c.42 (on pages 127 and 181) are amended to read as follows:

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12 **GENERAL FUND**

13 **54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

14 50 Economic Planning, Development and Security

15 *53 Economic Assistance and Security*

16 *7540 Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services -- Grants-In-Aid*
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18 [Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L. 1979, c.197 (C.48:2-29.15 et
19 seq.), or the provisions of P.L. 1981, c.210 (C.48:2-29.30 et
20 seq.), or any other law to the contrary, the benefits of the Lifeline
21 Credit Program and the Tenants' Lifeline Assistance Program may
22 be distributed throughout the entire year from July through June,
23 and are not limited to an October to March heating season, and
24 therefore applications for Lifeline benefits and benefits from the
25 "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled" program
26 may be combined.]

27 (cf: P.L. 1996, c.42, s.1)
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29 **CASINO REVENUE FUND**

30 **54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

31 50 Economic Planning, Development and Security

32 *53 Economic Assistance and Security*

33 *7540 Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services -- Grants-In-Aid*
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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 Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L. 1979, c.197 (C.48:2-29.15 et seq.), or the provisions of
2 P.L.1981, c.210 (C.48:2-29.30 et seq.), or any other law to the contrary, applications for the
3 Lifeline Credit Program and the Tenants' Lifeline Assistance Program may be combined with
4 the application for the "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled" program;
5 however, the benefits of the Lifeline Credit Program and the Tenants' Lifeline Assistance
6 program [may] shall be distributed [throughout the entire year from July through June, and are
7 not limited to an] during the October to March heating season[,and therefore applications for
8 Lifeline benefits and benefits from the "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled"
9 program may be combined].

10 (cf: P.L. 1996, c.42, s. 1)

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12 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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17 This bill amends budget language in the FY 1997 appropriations act to require that
18 the \$225 Lifeline Credit benefit and the Tenants' Lifeline Assistance benefits be
19 distributed during the October - March heating season, when such assistance is most
20 needed, instead of being distributed throughout the year. The bill also clarifies the intent
21 that applications for the "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled" program
22 and the two Lifeline programs may be combined. Finally, the bill deletes budget language
23 concerning the two Lifeline programs from the Grants-In-Aid section of the General Fund
24 in the FY 1997 appropriations act as no General Funds are appropriated for grants in the
25 two Lifeline programs.

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30 Amends certain language concerning the Lifeline Credit Program and the Tenants' Lifeline
31 Assistance Program.