

SENATE, No. 676

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator MARTIN

1 AN ACT concerning eligibility for the "Pharmaceutical Assistance to
2 the Elderly and Disabled" program and amending P.L.1975, c.194.

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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 2 of P.L.1975, c.194 (C.30:4D-21) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 2. a. Any resident of this State who is either a recipient of
10 disability insurance benefits under Title II of the federal Social
11 Security Act (42 U.S.C.§401 et seq.) or 65 years of age and over and
12 whose annual income is less than \$16,624 if single or, if married,
13 whose annual income combined with that of his spouse is less than
14 \$20,383, or, if married and has a dependent child under the age of 18
15 residing with him, whose annual income combined with that of his
16 spouse is less than \$22,000, shall be eligible for "Pharmaceutical
17 Assistance to the Aged and Disabled" if he is not otherwise qualified
18 for assistance under P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.). Annual
19 income shall not include gain from the sale of a principal residence that
20 is excluded from gross income pursuant to N.J.S.54A:6-9.

21 b. Beginning January 1, [1996] 1995 and annually thereafter, the
22 income eligibility limits provided in subsection a. of this section shall
23 increase by the amount of the maximum Social Security benefit
24 cost-of-living increase for that year for single and married persons,
25 respectively. The commissioner shall adopt the new income limits
26 annually by regulation pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
27 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

28 (cf. P.L.1995, c.27, s.1)

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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.

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STATEMENT

This bill allows a married couple, whose annual income is less than \$22,000 and who are either recipients of disability insurance benefits under Title II of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. §401 et seq.) or 65 years of age and over, and have a dependent child under the age of 18 residing with them, to be eligible for benefits under the "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled" program.

Increases income eligibility limits for PAAD under certain conditions.