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SENATE, No. 676

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator MARTIN and MacINNES

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

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

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

2. a. Any resident of this State who is either a recipient 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 whose annual income is less than [1][$16,624] $17,056[1] if single or, [1]if single, divorced or widowed and has a dependent child under the age of 18 residing with him, whose annual income is less than $18,143, or[1] if married, whose annual income combined with that of his spouse is less than [1][$20,383] $20,913[1], or, if married and has a dependent child under the age of 18 residing with him, whose annual income combined with that of his spouse is less than $22,000, shall be eligible for "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled" if he is not otherwise qualified for assistance under P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.). Annual income shall not include gain from the sale of a principal residence that is excluded from gross income pursuant to N.J.S.54A:6-9.

b. Beginning January 1, [1996] [1][1995] 1996[1] and annually thereafter, the income eligibility limits provided in subsection a. of this section shall increase by the amount of the maximum Social Security benefit cost-of-living increase for that year for single and married persons, respectively. The commissioner shall adopt the new income

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.
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:
[1] Senate SSV committee amendments adopted March 7, 1996.

limits annually by regulation pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).
(cf. P.L.1995, c.27, s.1)

2. This act shall take effect [1]**[**immediately**]** on the 60th day after enactment, but the commissioner may take such anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall be necessary for the implementation of the act[1].

Increases income eligibility limits for PAAD under certain conditions.