

SENATE, No. 1786

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator KOSCO

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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[Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L.1979, c.197 (C.48:2-29.15 et seq.), or the provisions
of P.L.1981, c.210 (C.48:2-29.30 et seq.), or any other law to the contrary, the benefits
of the Lifeline Credit Program and the Tenants' Lifeline Assistance Program may be
distributed throughout the entire year from July through June, and are not limited to an
October to March heating season, and therefore applications for Lifeline benefits and
benefits from the "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled" program may be
combined.]

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

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CASINO REVENUE FUND
54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
50 Economic Planning, Development and Security
53 Economic Assistance and Security
7540 Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services -- Grants-In-Aid

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P.L.1981, c.210 (C.48:2-29.30 et seq.), or any other law to the contrary, applications for the
Lifeline Credit Program and the Tenants' Lifeline Assistance Program may be combined with
the application for the "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled" program;
however, the benefits of the Lifeline Credit Program and the Tenants' Lifeline Assistance

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 program [may] shall be distributed [throughout the entire year from July through June, and are
2 not limited to an] during the October to March heating season[,and therefore applications for
3 Lifeline benefits and benefits from the "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled"
4 program may be combined].

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

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7 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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10 STATEMENT

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

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27 Amends certain language concerning the Lifeline Credit Program and the
28 Tenants' Lifeline Assistance Program.