

[Passed Both Houses]

[First Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 2169**

---

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

---

INTRODUCED JUNE 12, 1997

By **Senators BASSANO, SCOTT, Martin, Assemblymen Weingarten, O'Toole, Assemblywoman Crecco, Assemblymen Caraballo and Jones**

1 **AN ACT** concerning certain maintenance costs for mentally ill and  
2 developmentally disabled patients in State institutions.

3

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

6

7 1. If a county of the first class with a population greater than  
8 775,000 and less than 800,000 according to the 1990 federal decennial  
9 census, has taken credits on charges to the county from the State for  
10 maintenance costs for mentally ill patients and developmentally  
11 disabled federal Medicaid and Medicare recipients in State institutions,  
12 pursuant to court orders, the State shall <sup>1</sup>[waive any outstanding  
13 repayment by the county for those credits] require a repayment  
14 structure which shall be determined by the Commissioner of Human  
15 Services in consultation with the State Treasurer, but under no  
16 circumstances shall any payments be required prior to January 1, 1999;  
17 nor shall the repayment structure set a term of repayment of less than  
18 five years<sup>1</sup>.

19

20 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

21

22

23

24 Requires certain county to make structured repayment to State for  
25 credits for maintenance costs for mentally ill and developmentally  
26 disabled persons in State institutions.

**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:

<sup>1</sup> Senate amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations  
December 1, 1997.