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SYNOPSIS

Requires DHS to stagger issuance dates of SNAP benefits to newly eligible enrollees.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on December 2, 2021.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/24/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning the issuance schedule of Supplemental
 2 Nutrition Assistance Program benefits and supplementing Title
 3 44 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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 8 1. a. The Division of Family Development in the Department
 9 of Human Services shall implement an issuance schedule for newly
 10 eligible enrollees of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
 11 in which the issuance of benefits is staggered throughout the month,
 12 provided that each household shall be issued benefits on or near the
 13 same date once a month. The issuance schedule implemented by
 14 the division shall comply with the federal regulations outlined at 7
 15 CRF s.274.2.

16 b. The Commissioner of Human Services shall apply to the
 17 Food and Nutrition Service within the United States Department of
 18 Agriculture for any necessary waivers or approvals to implement
 19 the provisions of this act.

20 c. As used in this act, "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
 21 Program" means the supplemental nutrition assistance program,
 22 established pursuant to the federal "Food and Nutrition Act of
 23 2008," Pub.L.88-525 (7 U.S.C.s.2011 et seq.).

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 25 2. The Commissioner of Human Services shall adopt rules and
 26 regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
 27 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as may be necessary to
 28 implement the provisions of this act.

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 30 3. This act shall take effect ¹**on the first day of the fourth**
 31 **month next** one year¹ following the date of enactment, but the
 32 Commissioner of Human Services may take such anticipatory
 33 administrative action in advance thereof as may be necessary for the
 34 implementation of this act.

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate floor amendments adopted December 2, 2021.