

CHAPTER 24

A SUPPLEMENT to "An Act making appropriations for the support of the State Government and the several public purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001 and regulating the disbursement thereof," approved June 30, 2000 (P.L.2000, c.53).

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

1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2000, c.53, there is appropriated out of the General Fund the following sum for the purpose specified:

46 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES

20 Physical and Mental Health

26 Senior Services

GRANTS-IN-AID

There is appropriated such additional Sales Tax revenue, not to exceed \$15,000,000, as the Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury shall certify is available as a result of the price increase in natural gas for the purpose of increasing the amount an eligible household receives under the "Lifeline Credit Program" and the "Tenants' Lifeline Assistance Program." The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall increase benefits in these programs by the maximum amount that the Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury has certified is available.

2. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2000, c.53, there is appropriated out of the General Fund the following sum for the purpose specified:

82 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

50 Economic Planning, Development and Security

52 Economic Regulation

GRANTS-IN-AID

There is appropriated to the Board of Public Utilities such additional Sales Tax revenue, not to exceed \$15,000,000, as the Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury shall certify is available as a result of the price increase in natural gas, for the purpose of awarding a grant to New Jersey Statewide Heating Assistance and Referral for Energy Services (New Jersey SHARES) to increase the amount that eligible households receive under the energy assistance programs administered by New Jersey SHARES, a nonprofit organization composed of various nonprofit human service agencies and the major energy utilities in the State. New Jersey SHARES shall increase benefits for eligible households by the maximum amount that the Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury has certified is available.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved February 2, 2001.