

## CHAPTER 248

AN ACT concerning certain public benefits available to persons affected by the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the United States.

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

1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "New Jersey Terrorism Victims' Assistance Act of 2001."

2. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law or rule or regulation to the contrary, in regard to any person who suffered personal injury, death, loss of a family member, loss of or damage to real or personal property, or business interruption as a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the United States, the Governor, upon the recommendation of a State agency, may:

waive any waiting period, any requirement of proof or documentation, or other administrative prerequisite, and approve the payment of benefits or the provision of assistance to such person or such person's representative under any State program to which the person has a lawful claim, including but not limited to temporary disability, workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, the State Health Benefits Program or any State-administered retirement system; and

extend, without interest or penalty, the time for the filing of any report, return, document, request for any hearing or appeal, including any hearing under Title 54 of the Revised Statutes, or the making of any payment with, or to, that State agency.

b. Whenever the Governor grants a waiver or extension upon the recommendation of a State agency pursuant to subsection a. of this section, that State agency shall provide interested persons with notice of the availability of the waiver or extension by publishing a detailed announcement in the New Jersey Register and on the State agency's website. A copy of the announcement shall be transmitted to the presiding officers of each house of the Legislature and the chairpersons of the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee and the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law or rule or regulation to the contrary, the governing body of a municipality by resolution may temporarily waive interest on any delinquent current property tax obligations or current municipal charges due on or before December 31, 2001 in regard to persons who suffered personal injury, death, loss of a family member, loss of or damage to real or personal property, or business interruption as a result of the terrorist attack on the United States on September 11, 2001.

4. This act shall take effect immediately and expire on December 31, 2001.

Approved October 4, 2001.