

## CHAPTER 339

AN ACT concerning the definitions of person with a disability and senior citizen for certain purposes and amending P.L.1999, c.129.

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

1. Section 1 of P.L.1999, c.129 (C.56:8-14.2) is amended to read as follows:

C.56:8-14.2 Definitions relative to certain deceptive consumer practices.

1. As used in this act:

"Fund" means the Consumer Fraud Education Fund created pursuant to section 5 of this act.

"Pecuniary injury" shall include, but not be limited to: loss or encumbrance of a primary residence, principal employment, or source of income; loss of property set aside for retirement or for personal or family care and maintenance; loss of payments received under a pension or retirement plan or a government benefits program; or assets essential to the health or welfare of the senior citizen or person with a disability.

"Person with a disability" means a natural person who has a physical disability, infirmity, malformation or disfigurement which is caused by bodily injury, birth defect or illness including epilepsy, and which shall include, but not be limited to, any degree of paralysis, amputation, lack of physical coordination, blindness or visual impediment, deafness or hearing impediment, muteness or speech impediment or physical reliance on a service or guide animal, wheelchair, or other remedial appliance or device, or from any mental, psychological or developmental disability resulting from anatomical, psychological, physiological or neurological conditions which prevents the normal exercise of any bodily or mental functions or is demonstrable, medically or psychologically, by accepted clinical or laboratory diagnostic techniques.

"Senior citizen" means a natural person 60 years of age or older.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 5, 2002.