

CHAPTER 16

AN ACT concerning applications for food stamp benefits and supplementing Title 44 of the Revised Statutes.

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

C.44:10-81.1 Food stamp application form, ordinary, concise language required.

1. a. The Commissioner of Human Services shall review and, to the maximum extent permissible under federal law, streamline the application form for participation in the federal food stamp program authorized by Title XIII of the "Food and Agriculture Act of 1977," Pub.L.95-113 (7 U.S.C.s.2011 et seq.), and the New Jersey Supplementary Food Stamp Program established pursuant to P.L.1998, c.32 (C.44:10-79 et seq.), which is currently used by persons who are not applying for other public assistance, so that the appropriate form, including all instructions and information relating to the application procedure, eligibility determination, and accompanying information that is required to be furnished by the applicant, contains ordinary and concise language.

b. In performing the review, the commissioner shall examine food stamp applications used by other states which utilize their food stamp applications for one or more programs.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved April 15, 2002.