



**Senate Bill No. 659**

**Public Act No. 08-68**

***AN ACT REPLACING EXPEDITED ELIGIBILITY FOR PREGNANT WOMEN WITH PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT AND THE TREATMENT OF TAX REFUNDS UNDER THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS ACT OF 2008.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17b-277 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2008*):

(b) The commissioner shall [expedite] implement presumptive eligibility for appropriate pregnant women applicants for the Medicaid program [.The process for making expedited eligibility determinations concerning needy pregnant women shall ensure that emergency applications for assistance, as determined by the commissioner, shall be processed no later than twenty-four hours after receipt of all required information from the applicant, and that nonemergency applications for assistance, as determined by the commissioner, shall be processed no later than five calendar days after the date of receipt of all required information from the applicant] in accordance with section 1920 of the Social Security Act. The commissioner shall designate qualified entities to receive and determine presumptive eligibility under this section consistent with the provisions of federal law and

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regulations.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) To the extent permitted by federal law, no tax refund made pursuant to Public Law 110-185, the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008, to an individual who is an applicant for, or recipient of, benefits or services under any program, based on need, operated by the Department of Social Services shall be counted as income or counted as resources for the month of receipt or the following two months, for purposes of determining the individual's or any other individual's eligibility for such benefits or services or the amount of such benefits or services under any such program.

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