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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1340

By: Representatives Tosh, Evans

By: Senator D. Wallace

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT REGARDING THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO APPLY FOR A WAIVER REGARDING CERTAIN VETERAN DISABILITY BENEFITS IF ALLOWED UNDER FEDERAL LAW; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

REGARDING THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO APPLY FOR A WAIVER REGARDING CERTAIN VETERAN DISABILITY BENEFITS IF ALLOWED UNDER FEDERAL LAW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 76, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-76-118. Veteran disability benefits – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

(a) As used in this section, "veteran disability benefits" means disability benefits provided to a veteran who:

(1) Is a resident of this state;

(2) Has been determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to be a disabled service-connected veteran; and

(3) Receives disability benefits as a result of a combat injury.



(b) If allowed under federal law, the Department of Human Services shall seek a waiver from the United States Food and Nutrition Service to exclude veteran disability benefits as income for eligibility determinations for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.

APPROVED: 3/6/23