

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1915

By: Representative Eubanks

By: Senator J. Dismang

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO REQUEST A BROAD-BASED CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY WAIVER; TO AMEND THE ASSET LIMITS FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; TO ALLOW FOR AN AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENT TO THE ASSET LIMIT BASED UPON INFLATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO REQUEST A BROAD-BASED CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY WAIVER FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND TO AMEND THE ASSET LIMITS UNDER THE PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-76-115 is amended to read as follows:

20-76-115. Resource limits for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – ~~Resource limit~~ Broad-based categorical eligibility waiver.

(a) Unless required by federal law, the Department of Human Services shall not:

(1) Apply gross income standards for food assistance higher than the standards specified in 7 U.S.C. § 2014(c); or

(2) Grant categorical eligibility that exempts households from



the gross income standard under subdivision (a)(1) of this section for any noncash, in-kind, or other benefit unless under a broad-based categorical eligibility waiver ~~is~~ obtained under subsection (b) of this section.

~~(b)(1)(A) The Department of Human Services shall request a broad-based categorical eligibility waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture to exempt Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program applicants and enrollees from the federal resource limit, ~~subject to the asset limits under subdivision (b)(2) of this section.~~~~

~~(B) The Department of Human Services may request a broad-based categorical eligibility waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture if a waiver is necessary to implement the asset limits under subdivision (b)(2) of this section.~~

~~(2)(c)(1) Upon the Department of Human Services obtaining the broad-based categorical eligibility waiver requested under subdivision (b)(1) of this section,~~

~~(A) The the asset limit under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program shall be equal to the federal resource limit; six thousand dollars (\$6,000).~~

(2) The asset limit under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall be automatically adjusted for inflation on a biennial basis.

~~(B)(i) If an enrolled household is determined by the Department of Human Services to have accumulated countable assets greater than the federal resource limit, the Department of Human Services shall grant a temporary increase of the asset limit for that household to an amount set by the Department of Human Services by rule for a period of up to one (1) year.~~

~~(ii) The Department of Human Services shall set the temporary asset limit at five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500) and may seek waiver approval from the United States Department of Agriculture to modify that amount to correspond with future changes in the federal resource limit; and~~

~~(C) An enrolled household may receive a temporary increase of the asset limit no more than one (1) time every five (5) years.~~