

1 State of Arkansas
2 94th General Assembly
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4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1340

5 By: Representatives Tosh, Evans
6 By: Senator D. Wallace
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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16 REGARDING THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION
17 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND TO REQUIRE THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO APPLY FOR
19 A WAIVER REGARDING CERTAIN VETERAN
20 DISABILITY BENEFITS IF ALLOWED UNDER
21 FEDERAL LAW.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 76, Subchapter 1, is
28 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

29 20-76-118. Veteran disability benefits – Supplemental Nutrition
30 Assistance Program.

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

33 (1) Is a resident of this state;

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

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



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

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