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A Bill

SENATE BILL 650

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ASSET LIMITS FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL
9 NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; TO ALLOW FOR AN
10 ADJUSTMENT TO THE ASSET LIMIT BASED UPON INFLATION;
11 TO INCLUDE AN AUTOMATIC INFLATION ADJUSTMENT; TO
12 DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO REQUEST A
13 BROAD-BASED CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY WAIVER; AND FOR
14 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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20 PROGRAM; AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF
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22 CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY WAIVER.
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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 § 20-76-115 is amended to read as follows:

28 20-76-115. ~~Federal resource~~ Resource limits for Supplemental Nutrition
29 Assistance Program ~~- Broad-based categorical eligibility waiver.~~

30 (a) ~~Unless required by federal law:~~

31 ~~(1) The resource limit standards of the Supplemental Nutrition~~
32 ~~Assistance Program shall not exceed the standards specified in 7 U.S.C. §~~
33 ~~2014(g)(1); and~~

34 ~~(2) Categorical eligibility that exempts households from the~~
35 ~~federal resource limit standards shall not be granted for any noncash, in-~~
36 ~~kind, or other benefit.~~



1 ~~(b)~~ Unless required by federal law, the Department of Human Services
2 shall not:

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

5 (2) Grant categorical eligibility that exempts households from
6 the gross income standard under subdivision ~~(b)(1)~~ (a)(1) of this section for
7 any noncash, in-kind, or other benefit unless under a broad-based categorical
8 eligibility waiver obtained under subsection (b) of this section.

9 (b) The Department of Human Services shall request a broad-based
10 categorical eligibility waiver from the United States Department of
11 Agriculture to exempt Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program applicants
12 and enrollees from the federal resource limit.

13 (c)(1) Upon obtaining the broad-based categorical eligibility waiver
14 requested under subsection (b) of this section, the asset limit under the
15 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program shall be calculated using the
16 general resource limit under the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977, Pub. L.
17 No. 95-113, of one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1,750) that is
18 adjusted for inflation using the consumer price index.

19 (2) The asset limit shall be automatically adjusted for
20 inflation on a biennial basis.

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