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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1915

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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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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