

**HOUSE BILL NO. 198**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVES GRAY, Armstrong**

**Introduced: 5/10/23**

**Referred: Health and Social Services, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the supplemental nutrition assistance program; and providing for**  
2 **an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 47.25.980(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) The department shall

6 (1) adopt regulations necessary to carry out the food stamp program;

7 (2) cooperate with the federal government and do all things necessary  
8 to continue state eligibility under the food stamp program;

9 (3) comply with the requirements of 7 U.S.C. 2011 - 2036d  
10 (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and certify each eligible household  
11 for the longest certification period permitted under federal law; in this  
12 paragraph, "certification period" has the meaning given in 7 U.S.C. 2012 [7  
13 U.S.C. 2011 - 2036 (FOOD STAMP PROGRAM)];

14 (4) establish an electronic application for the food stamp program and

1 allow an applicant to submit an application in electronic format or in other formats  
2 required by state and federal law; the electronic application must inform an applicant  
3 that a false statement made on the application will be investigated and is punishable  
4 under AS 11.56.210; in this paragraph, "electronic application" means an application  
5 for benefits or renewal of benefits, whether the department exclusively administers the  
6 benefits or administers the benefits in coordination with another state agency or  
7 federal agency, electronically completed and submitted through the department's  
8 Internet website.

9 \* **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).