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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, unless they are exempt
9 because of age, disability, pregnancy, or other
10 specified reasons, all applicants and recipients of
11 Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP
12 benefits) must meet general federal work
13 requirements, and able-bodied adults without
14 dependents (ABAWDs) must meet special federal work
15 requirements, in addition to the general federal
16 work requirements, to maintain their eligibility
17 for benefits. ABAWDs can only get SNAP benefits for
18 three months in a three-year period if they do not
19 meet the special federal work requirements. States
20 may request to temporarily waive the special
21 federal work requirement for ABAWDs when
22 unemployment is high or when there are not enough
23 jobs available within the state.

24 This bill would prohibit the Commissioner of
25 the Department of Human Resources from requesting a
26 waiver of the special federal work requirements for

1 ABAWDs who are applicants or recipients of the
2 Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program.

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4 A BILL
5 TO BE ENTITLED
6 AN ACT

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8 Relating to federal assistance; to prohibit the
9 Commissioner of the Department of Human Resources from
10 requesting a waiver of federal work requirements for
11 able-bodied adults without dependents who are applicants or
12 recipients of the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program
13 (SNAP); and to require all able-bodied adults without
14 dependents who are applicants or recipients of SNAP benefits
15 to participate in minimum work requirements, provide
16 documentation of engaging in work training, or participate in
17 volunteer community service and to provide limited exemptions
18 from these work requirements.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

20 Section 1. (a) As used in this section, an
21 able-bodied adult without dependents means an individual
22 between the ages of 18 and 49 who has no dependents and is not
23 disabled.

24 (b) The Commissioner of the Department of Human
25 Resources may not request a waiver of any federal work
26 requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents who are

1 applicants or recipients of the Supplemental Nutritional
2 Assistance Program (SNAP).

3 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
4 first day of the third month following its passage and
5 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.