

HOUSE BILL 543

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By: **Delegates Henson, Alston, Attar, Atterbeary, Kaufman, McCaskill, Patterson, Simmons, Smith, Woods, and Young**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Seniors – State Supplement**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the amount of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
4 Program benefit that the State is required to provide for a household that includes
5 an individual who is at least 62 years old; and generally relating to the Supplemental
6 Nutrition Assistance Program.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Human Services

9 Section 5–501

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Human Services**

15 5–501.

16 (a) (1) The Department may implement a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
17 Program in accordance with the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

18 (2) The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program shall include:

19 (i) a Restaurant Meals Program in accordance with § 5–505 of this
20 subtitle; and

21 (ii) a Heat and Eat Program in accordance with § 5–506 of this
22 subtitle.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) The State shall bear the nonfederal portion of the administrative costs of the
2 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for each county.

3 (c) Each local department shall administer the Supplemental Nutrition
4 Assistance Program:

5 (1) under the supervision and control of the Department; and

6 (2) in accordance with the regulations of the Department and federal law.

7 (d) If a household includes an individual who is at least 62 years old and receives
8 a federally funded benefit in an amount less than ~~[\$40]~~ **\$75** per month under the
9 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the State shall provide a supplement to
10 increase the total benefit to ~~[\$40]~~ **\$75** per month.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2024.