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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 208, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 208.249, to read as follows:

208.249. 1. When the department of social services determines household size in order to calculate supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) benefits, "children" shall include biological, step, adoptive, and unborn children. In accordance with 7 CFR 273.1, foster children may be included at the request of the household providing the foster care.

2. In addition to those households entitled under 7 CFR 273.2(i) to receive expedited service of SNAP benefits within seven days after an application is filed and subject to federal approval, the department shall provide expedited service to otherwise eligible clients or residents of a:

(1) Shelter for victims of domestic violence, as defined in section 455.200;

(2) Maternity home, as defined in section 135.600;

(3) Pregnancy resource center, as defined in section 135.630; and

(4) Public or private nonprofit agency operating to assist victims of severe forms of trafficking in persons, as defined in 22 U.S.C. Section 7102, or victims of trafficking, as defined in section 566.200.

3. In making a determination if a client or resident served by one of the entities described in subsection 2 of this section shall be exempt from the work requirements under SNAP, the department shall

22 **consider such factors as homelessness, displacement, having to flee**
23 **violence or abuse, postpartum complications, physical or psychological**
24 **trauma related to or arising from victimization, and other similar**
25 **conditions that are barriers to entering or reentering the work force.**

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