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SENATE BILL NO. 787

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources, February 12, 2018, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the Missouri senior farmers' market nutrition 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 208.285, to read as follows:

208.285. 1. The department of agriculture shall apply for a grant under the United States Department of Agriculture Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program to provide low-income seniors with vouchers that may be exchanged for eligible foods at farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community-supported agriculture (CSA) programs.

2. There is hereby established the "Missouri Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program" within the department of agriculture. Upon receipt of any grant moneys under subsection 1 of this section, the program shall supply Missouri-grown fresh produce to senior participants through the distribution of vouchers that are redeemable only at designated Missouri farmers' markets, roadside stands, and CSA programs. The program is designed to provide a supplemental source of fresh produce for the dietary needs of low-income seniors; to stimulate an increased demand for Missouri-grown produce at farmers' markets, roadside stands, and CSA programs; and to develop new and additional farmers' markets, roadside stands, and CSA programs.

3. Eligible seniors shall receive senior farmers' market nutrition program vouchers from designated distribution sites in their county of residence. Upon the issuance of vouchers, participants shall be provided with a list of participating farmers, farmers' markets,

21 roadside stands, and CSA programs. The department shall provide
22 distribution site information at all county area agencies on aging.

23 4. For purposes of this section, "senior participant" means a
24 person who is at least sixty years of age or older by December thirty-
25 first of the program year and who meets the income eligibility criteria
26 based on guidelines published annually by the United States
27 Department of Agriculture.

28 5. The department may promulgate rules to implement the
29 provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is
30 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated
31 in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is
32 subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
33 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of
34 the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536
35 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule
36 are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
37 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2018, shall
38 be invalid and void.

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