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97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of a supplemental nutrition assistance pilot 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 208.018, to read as follows:

208.018. 1. Subject to federal approval, the department of social services shall establish a pilot program for the purpose of providing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants with access and the ability to afford fresh fruit and vegetables when purchasing fresh produce at farmers' markets. Under the pilot program, such participants shall be able to:

(1) Purchase fresh produce with SNAP benefits with an electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card; and

(2) Receive a dollar-for-dollar match for every SNAP dollar spent at a participating farmer's market in an amount up to ten dollars per week whenever the participant purchases fresh produce with an EBT card.

2. Purchases of approved fresh produce by SNAP participants under this section shall automatically trigger matching funds reimbursement into the vendor accounts by the department.

3. The funding of this pilot program shall be subject to appropriation. In addition to appropriations from the general assembly, the department may apply for available grants and shall be able to accept other gifts, grants, and donations to develop and maintain the program.

4. The department shall promulgate rules setting forth the

22 procedures and methods of implementing this section. Any rule or
23 portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is
24 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become
25 effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions
26 of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and
27 chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the
28 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the
29 effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held
30 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule
31 proposed or adopted after August 28, 2014, shall be invalid and void.

32 5. Pursuant to section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

33 (1) The provisions of this section shall sunset automatically six
34 years after the effective date of this section unless reauthorized by an
35 act of the general assembly; and

36 (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized
37 under this section shall sunset automatically twelve years after the
38 effective date of the reauthorization of this section; and

39 (3) This section shall terminate on September first of the
40 calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the
41 program authorized under this section is sunset.

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