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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 850

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources, March 13, 2014, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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 food when purchasing fresh food at farmers' markets. Under the pilot program, such participants shall be able to:

(1) Purchase fresh fruit, vegetables, meat, fish, poultry, eggs, and honey 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 or vending urban agricultural zone as defined in section 262.900 in an amount up to ten dollars per week whenever the participant purchases fresh food with an EBT card.

2. Purchases of approved fresh food 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

21 maintain the program.

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

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

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

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

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

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