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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES GARDNER (Sponsor), MONTECILLO, PETERS, SMITH,
ELLINGTON, HODGES AND MCMANUS (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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 social services 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 Nutritional Program" within the department of social services. 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 and roadside stands. The program is designed to provide both 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 and roadside stands, and to develop new and additional farmers' markets, roadside stands, and CSA programs.**
- 3. Eligible seniors shall receive senior farmers' market nutritional program vouchers from designated distribution sites in their county of residence. Upon issuance of vouchers, participants shall be provided with a list of participating farmers, farmers'**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 markets, and roadside stands. The department, in consultation with the department of
18 health and senior services, shall provide distribution site information at all county area
19 agencies on aging.

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

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

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