

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1222

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GRAGG.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

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

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*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  
2 known as section 208.025, to read as follows:

**208.025. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:**

2 (1) "Candy", a food product containing sugar, honey, or other natural or  
3 artificial sweeteners in combination with chocolate, fruit, nuts, or other ingredients or  
4 flavorings in the forms of bars, drops, or pieces;

5 (2) "Soft drinks", nonalcoholic beverages that contain natural or artificial  
6 sweeteners. "Soft drinks" shall not include beverages that contain milk or milk  
7 products; soy, rice, or similar milk substitutes; or contain greater than fifty percent  
8 vegetable or fruit juice by volume.

9 2. The director of the department of social services shall request a waiver from  
10 the United States Department of Agriculture to exclude candy and soft drinks from the  
11 definition of eligible foods under 7 CFR 271.2. If such waiver is granted, the director  
12 shall prohibit the purchase of candy and soft drinks with benefits provided through the  
13 supplemental nutrition assistance program. If the waiver is not granted, the director  
14 shall request such waiver on an annual basis until it is granted.

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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.