

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2706

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HRUZA.

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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 208.019, to read as follows:

208.019. 1. The director of the department of social services shall prepare and  
2 submit a request for a waiver to the United States Department of Agriculture to  
3 authorize the state to operate the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) in  
4 a manner that prioritizes healthy foods and nutritional value, discourages foods that are  
5 high in added sugar and ultra processed, and supports Missouri agriculture.

6 2. Alterations made under the waiver, if received, shall be designed to support  
7 the purchase of a wide variety of whole and minimally processed healthy food categories  
8 including, but not limited to:

9 (1) Fresh fruits and vegetables;  
10 (2) Meat, fish, poultry, and other proteins;  
11 (3) Dairy products;  
12 (4) Whole grains and bread products; and  
13 (5) Legumes.

14 3. The director of the department of social services shall explore and recommend  
15 other strategies to further incentivize the purchase of fresh fruits, vegetables, and

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.

16 Missouri-produced meat and dairy products within the SNAP program by utilizing and  
17 enhancing existing Missouri healthy food education and access programs.

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