

AN ACT concerning public aid.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by adding Section 12-4.13c as follows:

(305 ILCS 5/12-4.13c new)

Sec. 12-4.13c. SNAP Restaurant Meals Program.

(a) The Department of Human Services shall establish a Restaurant Meals Program as part of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Under the Restaurant Meals Program, households containing elderly or disabled members, and their spouses, as defined in 7 U.S.C. 2012(j), or homeless individuals, as defined in 7 U.S.C. 2012(l), shall have the option in accordance with 7 U.S.C. 2012(k) to redeem their SNAP benefits at private establishments that contract with the Department to offer meals for eligible individuals at concessional prices subject to 7 U.S.C. 2018(h). The Restaurant Meals Program shall be operational no later than January 1, 2020.

(b) The Department of Human Services shall adopt any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this Section.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

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becoming law.