

1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

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

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

6 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.13c new)

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

8 (a) The Department of Human Services shall establish a  
9 Restaurant Meals Program as part of the federal Supplemental  
10 Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Under the Restaurant  
11 Meals Program, households containing elderly or disabled  
12 members, and their spouses, as defined in 7 U.S.C. 2012(j), or  
13 homeless individuals, as defined in 7 U.S.C. 2012(l), shall  
14 have the option in accordance with 7 U.S.C. 2012(k) to redeem  
15 their SNAP benefits at private establishments that contract  
16 with the Department to offer meals for eligible individuals at  
17 concessional prices subject to 7 U.S.C. 2018(h). The Restaurant  
18 Meals Program shall be operational no later than January 1,  
19 2020.

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

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.