HB4121

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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by Rep. Michael J. Zalewski

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/12-4.4a new

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that the Secretary of Human Services shall seek a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture no later than December 31, 2012 to allow the State to impose a general ban on the use of SNAP benefits to purchase sugar sweetened beverages. Defines "sugar sweetened beverages" to mean beverages in liquid form and intended for human consumption that contain more than 10 calories per fluid ounce, excluding fruit juices without added sugar, milk products, and milk substitutes. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 12-4.4a as follows:

6   (305 ILCS 5/12-4.4a new)

7   Sec. 12-4.4a. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;

8   waiver; ban on sugar sweetened beverages.

9   (a) As used in this Section:

10   "SNAP" means the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance

11   Program formerly known as the Food Stamps Program.

12   "Sugar sweetened beverages" means beverages in liquid form

13   and intended for human consumption that contain more than 10

14   calories per fluid ounce, excluding fruit juices without added

15   sugar, milk products, and milk substitutes.

16   (b) The Secretary of Human Services shall seek a waiver no

17   later than December 31, 2012 from the United States Department

18   of Agriculture to allow the State to impose a general ban on

19   the use of SNAP benefits to purchase sugar sweetened beverages.

20   The Secretary shall consult with members of the General

21   Assembly in developing the waiver and must obtain the approval

22   of the General Assembly prior to implementing the waiver.

1   Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2   becoming law.