



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2013 and 2014

HB5297

by Rep. Bill Mitchell

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/12-4.4a new

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that in an effort to control the epidemic of childhood obesity, the Secretary of Human Services may seek a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture to allow the State to specify certain foods that may and may not be purchased in Illinois with the benefits funded by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly the Food Stamp Program). Requires the Secretary to consult with members of the General Assembly in developing the waiver and to obtain approval from the General Assembly before implementing the waiver.

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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. SNAP; waiver to determine food that may be
8 purchased in Illinois; public health policy. In an effort to
9 control the epidemic of childhood obesity, the Secretary of
10 Human Services may seek a waiver from the United States
11 Department of Agriculture to allow the State to specify foods
12 that may and may not be purchased in Illinois with benefits
13 funded by the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
14 Program (SNAP) (formerly the Food Stamp Program). The Secretary
15 shall consult with members of the General Assembly in
16 developing the waiver and must obtain the approval of the
17 General Assembly prior to implementing the waiver.