



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2013 and 2014

HB5626

by Rep. John D. Cavaletto

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 to allow the State to specify certain foods that may and may not be purchased in Illinois with the benefits funded by the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP; formerly known as the Food Stamps program), including a general ban on the use of SNAP benefits to purchase foods of minimal nutritional value such as carbonated soft drinks, snack cakes, candies, chewing gum, flavored ice bars, and fried, high-fat chips.

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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 program; waiver to determine food that
8 may be purchased in Illinois. The Secretary of Human Services
9 shall seek a waiver from the United States Department of
10 Agriculture to allow the State to specify foods that may and
11 may not be purchased in Illinois with benefits funded by the
12 federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP;
13 formerly known as the Food Stamp program), including a general
14 ban on the use of SNAP benefits to purchase foods of minimal
15 nutritional value such as carbonated soft drinks, snack cakes,
16 candies, chewing gum, flavored ice bars, and fried, high-fat
17 chips.