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99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the Missouri senior farmers' market nutrition program.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 208, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 208.285, to read as follows:

**208.285. 1. The department of health and senior services shall
2 apply for a grant under the United States Department of Agriculture
3 Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program to provide low-income
4 seniors with vouchers that may be exchanged for eligible foods at
5 farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community-supported
6 agriculture (CSA) programs.**

**7 2. There is hereby established the "Missouri Senior Farmers'
8 Market Nutrition Program" within the department of health and senior
9 services. Upon receipt of any grant moneys under subsection 1 of this
10 section, the program shall supply Missouri-grown fresh produce to
11 senior participants through the distribution of vouchers that are
12 redeemable only at designated Missouri farmers' markets, roadside
13 stands, and CSA programs. The program is designed to provide a
14 supplemental source of fresh produce for the dietary needs of low-
15 income seniors; to stimulate an increased demand for Missouri-grown
16 produce at farmers' markets, roadside stands, and CSA programs; and
17 to develop new and additional farmers' markets, roadside stands, and
18 CSA programs.**

**19 3. Eligible seniors shall receive senior farmers' market nutrition
20 program vouchers from designated distribution sites in their county of
21 residence. Upon the issuance of vouchers, participants shall be**

22 provided with a list of participating farmers, farmers' markets,
23 roadside stands, and CSA programs. The department shall provide
24 distribution site information at all county area agencies on aging.

25 4. For purposes of this section, "senior participant" means a
26 person who is at least sixty years of age or older by December thirty-
27 first of the program year and who meets the income eligibility criteria
28 based on guidelines published annually by the United States
29 Department of Agriculture.

30 5. The department may promulgate rules to implement the
31 provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is
32 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated
33 in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is
34 subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
35 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of
36 the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536
37 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule
38 are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
39 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2017, shall
40 be invalid and void.

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