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# SENATE BILL NO. 575

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BEAN.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

## AN ACT

To repeal section 208.018, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to farmers' markets.

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

Section A. Section 208.018, RSMo, is repealed and one new  
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 208.018,  
3 to read as follows:

208.018. 1. Subject to federal approval, the  
2 department of social services shall establish a pilot  
3 program for the purpose of providing Supplemental Nutrition  
4 Assistance Program (SNAP) participants with access and the  
5 ability to afford fresh food when purchasing fresh food at  
6 farmers' markets. The pilot program shall be established in  
7 at least one rural area and one urban area. Under the pilot  
8 program, such participants shall be able to:

9 (1) Purchase fresh fruit, vegetables, meat, fish,  
10 poultry, eggs, and honey with SNAP benefits with an  
11 electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card; and

12 (2) Receive a dollar-for-dollar match for every SNAP  
13 dollar spent at a participating farmers' market or vending  
14 urban agricultural zone as defined in section 262.900 in an  
15 amount up to ten dollars per week whenever the participant  
16 purchases fresh food with an EBT card.

17 2. For purposes of this section, the term "farmers'  
18 market" shall mean a market with multiple stalls at which

**EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

19 farmer-producers sell agricultural products, particularly  
20 fresh fruit and vegetables, directly to the general public  
21 at a central or fixed location.

22 3. Purchases of approved fresh food by SNAP  
23 participants under this section shall automatically trigger  
24 matching funds reimbursement into the central farmers'  
25 market vendor accounts by the department.

26 4. The funding of this pilot program shall be subject  
27 to appropriation. In addition to appropriations from the  
28 general assembly, the department may apply for available  
29 grants and shall be able to accept other gifts, grants, and  
30 donations to develop and maintain the program.

31 5. The department shall promulgate rules setting forth  
32 the procedures and methods of implementing this section.  
33 Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in  
34 section 536.010, that is created under and pursuant to the  
35 authority delegated in this section shall become effective  
36 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the  
37 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section  
38 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and  
39 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly  
40 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective  
41 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently  
42 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking  
43 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,  
44 2014, shall be invalid and void.

45 6. Under and pursuant to section 23.253 of the  
46 Missouri sunset act:

47 (1) The provisions of this section shall sunset  
48 automatically six years after [the effective date of this  
49 section] **August 28, 2021**, unless reauthorized by an act of  
50 the general assembly; and

51           (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program  
52 authorized under this section shall sunset automatically  
53 twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization  
54 of this section; and

55           (3) This section shall terminate on September first of  
56 the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in  
57 which the program authorized under this section is sunset.

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