

SENATE BILL NO. 1347

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR CARTER.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the supplemental nutrition assistance 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
2 one new section, to be known as section 208.286, to read as
3 follows:

208.286. 1. As used in this section, the following
2 terms mean:

3 (1) "Candy", a product that involves the preparation
4 of sugar or artificial sweeteners in combination with
5 chocolate, fruit, nuts, caramels, gummies, hard candies, or
6 other ingredients and flavorings in the form of bars, drops,
7 or pieces;

8 (2) "Certain beverages", shall include the following:

9 (a) Carbonated and noncarbonated soft drinks,
10 including, but not limited to, colas, ginger ale, near-beer,
11 root beer, lemonade, and orangeade;

12 (b) All other drinks or punches with natural fruit or
13 vegetable juice that contain fifty percent or less by volume
14 natural fruit or vegetable juice;

15 (c) Beverage mixes and ingredients intended to be made
16 into taxable beverages; liquid or frozen, concentrated,

17 dehydrated, powdered, granulated, sweetened or unsweetened,
18 or seasoned or unseasoned; or

19 (d) Concentrates intended to be made into beverages
20 that contain fifty percent or less by volume natural fruit
21 or vegetable juice;

22 (3) "Prepared desserts", a processed, shelf-stable,
23 ready-to-eat, prepackaged sweet food intended for immediate
24 consumption without any further preparation, including, but
25 not limited to, foods substantially consisting of chemically
26 modified substances extracted from foods with additives to
27 enhance taste, texture, appearance, and durability and with
28 minimal whole foods.

29 2. The director of the department of social services
30 shall request a waiver from the U.S. Department of
31 Agriculture to exclude candy, prepared desserts, and certain
32 beverages from the definition of eligible foods under 7 CFR
33 271.2. If such waiver is granted, then the director shall
34 prohibit the purchase of candy, prepared desserts, and
35 certain beverages with benefits provided through the
36 supplemental nutrition assistance program. If no waiver is
37 granted, then the director shall annually request a waiver
38 until the waiver is granted.

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