

Amendment to SB 499-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to the elderly simplified application for the Supplemental Nutrition
4 Assistance Program and the Summer EBT program and making appropriations
5 therefor.
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7 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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9 1 New Paragraph; Human Service; SNAP; Elderly Simplified Application. Amend RSA 161:2 by
10 inserting after paragraph XIII-b the following new paragraph:

11 XIII-c. SNAP; Elderly Simplified Application. The department shall apply for and
12 participate in the elderly simplified application project within the Supplemental Nutrition
13 Assistance Program.

14 2 Appropriation. The sum of \$37,500 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, is appropriated to
15 the department of health and human services for the purpose of funding the SNAP elderly simplified
16 application project pursuant to section 1 of this act. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant
17 for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. The department is
18 authorized to accept and expend any available matching federal funds for this purpose without
19 approval of the fiscal committee of the general court.

20 3 Summer EBT; Appropriation. To facilitate participation in the federal Summer EBT program
21 so that families whose children are eligible for free and reduced price meals can receive benefits on
22 an EBT card in the summer, the sum of \$50,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025 is
23 appropriated to the department of health and human services for the purpose of creating a request
24 for proposals, soliciting bids, and developing a concrete implementation plan for a summer EBT
25 program to begin in the summer of 2025. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum
26 out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. The department is authorized to
27 accept and expend any available matching federal funds for this purpose without approval of the
28 fiscal committee of the general court. The commissioner of the department of health and human
29 services shall submit the department's implementation plan for the Summer EBT program to the
30 speaker, senate president, house and senate finance committees by October 1, 2024.

31 4 Effective Date. This act shall take upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the department of health and human services to apply for and participate in the SNAP elderly simplified application project and makes an appropriation to the department for this purpose. The bill also makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services to begin participation in the Summer EBT program.