**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 43 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO MANAGE THE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) AND TO APPLY FOR WAIVERS OF FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE SNAP PROGRAM THAT PROMOTE NUTRITIOUS DIETS, INCLUDING WAIVERS TO RESTRICT ALLOWABLE FOOD CHOICES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Chapter 5, Title 43 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Article 11

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Section 43‑5‑1410. (A) For purposes of this article, ‘SNAP’ means the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which is the federal food purchasing assistance program for low‑ and no‑income individuals created pursuant to the Food Stamp Act of 1977.

(B) The Department of Social Services shall serve as the single state agency designated to receive SNAP funding and manage the program. The provisions of this article, regulations promulgated pursuant to this article, and department policy and procedure must be consistent with the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, and with federal regulations promulgated to implement that act.

Section 43‑5‑1420. The department shall apply for federal waivers of SNAP program requirements that promote a healthy diet for SNAP program participants and impose reasonable restrictions on the purchase of food and drink items with minimal nutritional value including, but not limited to, food and drink items of which twenty‑five percent or more of the calories are from sugar.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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