**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 43 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PUBLIC AID AND ASSISTANCE, BY ADDING SECTION 43-5-250, TO REQUIRE AN INDIVIDUAL APPLYING OR REAPPLYING FOR BENEFITS THROUGH THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO COOPERATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES AS A CONDITION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THOSE BENEFITS.

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

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

“Section 43-5-250. The Department of Social Services shall require an individual applying or reapplying for benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to cooperate with the department's Division of Child Support Services to be eligible to receive SNAP benefits, as provided in 7 C.F.R. Section 273.11 (o), (p), and (q). The department shall provide written notice to an individual at the time of application or reapplication for SNAP benefits informing the individual of the requirements of this section.”

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

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