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H.B. No. 612

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the eligibility of certain persons for the food stamp
3 program.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 33, Human Resources Code, is amended by
6 adding Section 33.017 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 33.017. INAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LAW IN
8 DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY. As authorized by 21 U.S.C. Section
9 862a(d)(1)(A), 21 U.S.C. Section 862a(a) does not apply in
10 determining the eligibility of a person for the food stamp program.

11 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
12 a determination of eligibility of a person for food stamps made on
13 or after the effective date of this Act. A determination of
14 eligibility made before the effective date of this Act is governed
15 by the law in effect on the date the determination was made, and the
16 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

17 SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act
18 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
19 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
20 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
21 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
22 waiver or authorization is granted.

23 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.