

By: Naishtat

H.B. No. 613

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to periodic food stamp eligibility recertification  
3 requirements.

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 33.0151 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 33.0151. FOOD STAMP ELIGIBILITY RECERTIFICATION  
8 WITHOUT INTERVIEW. The department, to the maximum extent allowed  
9 by federal law, shall recertify the eligibility of a person for the  
10 food stamp program without an interview if the person otherwise  
11 meets the periodic eligibility recertification requirements.

12 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
13 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a  
14 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
15 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
16 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
17 waiver or authorization is granted.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.