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H.B. No. 587

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of certain persons for the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 33, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Sections 33.017 and 33.018 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.017. INAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LAW IN DETERMINING SNAP ELIGIBILITY. As authorized by 21 U.S.C. Section 862a(d)(1)(A), 21 U.S.C. Section 862a(a) does not apply in determining the eligibility of a person for the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

Sec. 33.018. EFFECT OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH WORK REQUIREMENTS ON SNAP ELIGIBILITY. If an individual who is the head of household becomes ineligible for supplemental nutrition assistance benefits for failing to comply with the employment or employment and training program requirements in 7 U.S.C. Section 2015(d)(1)(A), the department may not deny those benefits to the other eligible household members for that reason.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a determination of eligibility of a person for supplemental nutrition assistance benefits made on or after the effective date of this Act. A determination of eligibility made before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the determination was made, and the former law is continued in

1 effect for that purpose.

2 SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act
3 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
4 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
5 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
6 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
7 waiver or authorization is granted.

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.