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H.B. No. 3631

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the expunction of unused supplemental nutrition
3 assistance program benefits.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 33, Human Resources Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 33.038 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 33.038. EXPUNCTION OF UNUSED SNAP BENEFITS. The
8 department shall expunge supplemental nutrition assistance program
9 benefits that have not been used by the recipient after a period of
10 90 days beginning on the date the benefits were distributed. The
11 amount of the expunged benefits shall be credited to the fund or
12 account from which the amount was appropriated.

13 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
14 to supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits distributed
15 on or after the effective date of this Act. Benefits distributed
16 before the effective date of this Act are governed by the law in
17 effect on the date the distribution was made, and the former law is
18 continued in effect for that purpose.

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

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