

By: King of Taylor

H.B. No. 1259

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the work requirements of 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 Section 33.016 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.016. EFFECT OF CERTAIN NONCOMPLIANCE WITH WORK REQUIREMENTS ON SNAP ELIGIBILITY. As authorized by 7 U.S.C. Section 2015(d)(1)(C)(iii)(IV), a person who becomes ineligible for supplemental nutrition assistance benefits for the third time for refusing or failing without good cause to comply with the employment or employment and training program requirements of 7 U.S.C. Section 2015(d)(1)(A) is permanently ineligible to receive those benefits.

SECTION 2. Section 33.016, Human Resources Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an initial determination or recertification of eligibility for the supplemental nutrition assistance program under Chapter 33, Human Resources Code, that is made on or after the effective date of this Act. A determination or recertification made before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the determination or recertification was made, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act

1 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
2 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
3 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
4 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
5 waiver or authorization is granted.

6 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.