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S.B. No. 470

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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 33.018 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 33.018. 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 supplemental
11 nutrition assistance program.

12 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
13 a determination of eligibility of a person for supplemental
14 nutrition assistance benefits made on or after the effective date
15 of this Act. A determination of eligibility made before the
16 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
17 date the determination was made, and the former law is continued in
18 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, 2015.