By:  Guillen, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Blanco) H.B. No. 1287

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COMMITTEE VOTE

                 Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Kolkhorst         X

Perry             X

Blanco            X

Hall              X

Hancock           X

Hughes                      X

LaMantia          X

Miles             X

Sparks            X

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1287 By:  Blanco

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the exclusion of certain resources in determining eligibility 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 Section 33.021 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.021.  EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN RESOURCES IN DETERMINING SNAP ELIGIBILITY. In determining the eligibility of an applicant for or recertifying the eligibility of a recipient of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits, the commission may not consider as resources the value of a motor vehicle in which the applicant or recipient or a member of the applicant's or recipient's household has an ownership interest up to:

(1)  $22,500 for the first vehicle; and

(2)  $8,700 for each additional vehicle.

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies to a determination of eligibility, including an initial determination of eligibility, a determination of eligibility based on a reported change submitted to the Health and Human Services Commission, or a recertification of eligibility, of a person for the supplemental nutrition assistance program under Chapter 33, Human Resources Code, that is made on or after the effective date of this Act.

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

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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