

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

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

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1287 was passed by the House on April 18, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 108, Nays 38, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1287 on May 26, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 108, Nays 28, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1287 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 24, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor