

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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## Sectional Analysis for HB 255

**Section 1:** Amends AS 47.25.975 to add a new subsection outlining requirements for the State of Alaska's Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) to follow in relation to the department's use of work requirement and time limit waivers for able-bodied adult without dependents (ABAWDs) in their administration of the food stamp program (SNAP). This section outlines the following requirements:

- DHSS must request, accept, and attempt to renew or extend federal waivers relating to work requirements and time limits for ABAWDs to the maximum extent allowed under federal law in all geographical areas of the state.
- DHSS must implement ABAWD waivers approved by the federal government to the maximum allowable extent outlined in each waiver.
- DHSS may not create more stringent work requirements or time limits for ABAWDs than those outlined in an accepted waiver.

**Section 2:** Adds a new section to the uncodified law of the State of Alaska requiring that DHSS promptly apply to the federal government for a waiver if the department determines that the waiver is necessary to implement the policy changes outlined in Section 1 of this Act.

**Section 3 and Section 4:** Relate to the conditional effective date of this Act. If the United States Department of Agriculture approves the amendments to the state plan required under Section 1 of this Act for ABAWD waivers, the DHSS commissioner will notify the revisor of statutes in writing, on or before January 1, 2021. This Act would become effective one day after this notification.