

HOUSE BILL NO. 255

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Introduced: 2/19/20

Referred: Health & Social Services

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to a waiver of work requirements or time limits in the food stamp**
2 **program; and providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 47.25.975 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (d) In implementing the food stamp program under (a) of this section, the
6 department

7 (1) shall request, accept, and attempt to renew or extend a waiver
8 under 7 U.S.C. 2015(o)(4) of the work requirements and time limits applicable to an
9 able-bodied adult without dependents to the maximum extent allowed under federal
10 law and regulations for each area of the state;

11 (2) shall, if the federal government approves a waiver under (1) of this
12 subsection, implement the waiver of the work requirements and time limits applicable
13 to an able-bodied adult without dependents to the maximum extent allowed under the
14 waiver; and

1 (3) may not establish a more stringent work requirement or time limit
2 applicable to an able-bodied adult without dependents than allowed under the waiver.

3 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
4 read:

5 WAIVER APPLICATION. The Department of Health and Social Services shall
6 promptly apply to the federal government for a waiver under 7 U.S.C. 2015(o)(4) if the
7 department determines that the waiver is necessary to implement the changes proposed in sec.
8 1 of this Act.

9 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
10 read:

11 CONDITIONAL EFFECT; NOTIFICATION. (a) The commissioner of health and
12 social services shall notify the revisor of statutes in writing, on or before January 1, 2021, if
13 the United States Department of Agriculture approves the amendments to the state plan
14 effecting the change enacted by sec. 1 of this Act.

15 (b) Section 1 of this Act takes effect only if the commissioner of health and social
16 services notifies the revisor of statutes in writing as required under (a) of this section.

17 * **Sec. 4.** If sec. 1 of this Act takes effect, it takes effect on the day after the date the revisor
18 of statutes receives notice from the commissioner of health and social services under sec. 3 of
19 this Act.