

**HOUSE BILL NO. 168**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE EASTMAN

Introduced: 5/14/19

Referred: Health & Social Services, Judiciary

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1   **"An Act prohibiting the Department of Health and Social Services from requesting,**  
2   **accepting, or attempting to renew or extend a waiver of work requirements or time**  
3   **limits for an able-bodied adult, without dependents, in the food stamp program."**

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

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

6           (d) In implementing the food stamp program under (a) of this section, the  
7           department, for any area of the state, may not request, accept, or attempt to renew or  
8           extend a waiver under 7 U.S.C. 2015(o)(4) of the work requirements or time limits  
9           applicable to an able-bodied adult without dependents.

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

12           TRANSITION. Notwithstanding AS 47.25.975(d), enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, the  
13   Department of Health and Social Services may continue to implement a waiver of the able-  
14   bodied adult without dependents food stamp time limit that is in effect before the effective

1 date of this Act. The Department of Health and Social Services may not request or accept a  
2 new waiver or attempt to renew or extend a current waiver on or after the effective date of this  
3 Act. The Department of Health and Social Services shall notify participants in the food stamp  
4 program of the changes implemented by this Act and terminate food stamp assistance for  
5 householders who become ineligible as a result of the expiration of the waiver.