

AMENDMENT #2

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OFFERED IN THE SENATE
TO: HB 344

1 Page 1, line 2, following "**Health**";:

2 Insert "**relating to the supplemental nutrition assistance program; and providing**
3 **for an effective date**"

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5 Page 1, following line 13:

6 Insert new bill sections to read:

7 **** Sec. 2.** AS 47.25.980(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) The department shall

9 (1) adopt regulations necessary to carry out the food stamp program;

10 (2) cooperate with the federal government and do all things necessary
11 to continue state eligibility under the food stamp program;

12 (3) comply with the requirements of 7 U.S.C. 2011 - 2036d
13 (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), implement categorical eligibility
14 under 7 U.S.C. 2014(a), and make eligible an individual whose household income
15 is not more than 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline regardless of the
16 value of assets owned by the household [7 U.S.C. 2011 - 2036 (FOOD STAMP
17 PROGRAM)];

18 (4) establish an electronic application for the food stamp program and
19 allow an applicant to submit an application in electronic format or in other formats
20 required by state and federal law; the electronic application must inform an applicant
21 that a false statement made on the application will be investigated and is punishable
22 under AS 11.56.210; in this paragraph, "electronic application" means an application
23 for benefits or renewal of benefits, whether the department exclusively administers the

1 benefits or administers the benefits in coordination with another state agency or
2 federal agency, electronically completed and submitted through the department's
3 Internet website.

4 * **Sec. 3.** Section 2 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2025."