

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 243

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the participation by the
7 state in the Federal Food Stamp program;
8 and providing for an effective date."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 * Section 1. AS 47.25 is amended by adding new sections to
11 read:

12 ARTICLE 7. / FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

13 Sec. 47.25.975 / FOOD STAMP PROGRAM. (a) The depart-
14 ment is authorized to implement the food stamp program.

15 (b) Householders determined by the department to be
16 eligible for assistance under the food stamp program may
17 obtain food coupons.

18 (c) Food coupons shall be used to purchase food from
19 retail food stores which have been approved for participa-
20 tion in the food stamp program.

21 Sec. 47.25.980. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT. (a) The depart
22 ment shall:

23 (1) adopt rules and regulations necessary to
24 carry out the food stamp program;

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

28 (3) comply with the requirements of the Federal
29 Food Stamp Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-525).

1 (b) The department may designate and change areas in
2 the state in which the food stamp program shall be carried
3 out.

4 Sec. 47.25.985. PENALTIES. (a) A person is guilty
5 of a misdemeanor if he:

6 (1) knowingly acquires, possesses, uses or trans-
7 fers food coupons in violation of the provisions of secs.
8 975 - 980 of this chapter or the regulations adopted pur-
9 suant to sec. 980 of this chapter; or

10 (2) presents food coupons or causes them to be
11 presented for payment or redemption knowing them to have
12 been transferred, received or used in a manner violating the
13 provisions of secs. 975 - 980 of this chapter or the regula-
14 tions adopted pursuant to sec. 980 of this chapter.

15 (b) Upon conviction he shall be fined not more than
16 \$500 or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

17 Sec. 47.25.990. DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of secs.
18 975 - 985 of this chapter

19 (1) "department" means Department of Health and
20 Welfare;

21 (2) "food" means any food or food product for
22 human consumption except alcoholic beverages, tobacco, those
23 foods which are identified on the package as being imported,
24 and meat and meat products which are imported;

25 (3) "food coupons" means any coupon, stamp or
26 type of certificate issued pursuant to the provisions of the
27 Federal Food Stamp Act of 1964;

28 (4) "food stamp program" means the federal food
29 stamp program authorized by the Federal Food Stamp Act of

1 1964 (P.L. 88-525);

2 (5) "household" means a group of related or non-
3 related individuals who are not residents of an institution
4 or boarding house, but are living as one economic unit
5 sharing common cooking facilities and for whom food is cus-
6 tomarily purchased in common, or a single individual living
7 alone who has cooking facilities and who purchases and
8 prepares food for home consumption.

9 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage
10 and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.

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