

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0323

SNAP benefits-waiver request.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Wasserburger

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to welfare; requiring the director of the
2 department of family services to request a waiver under the
3 supplemental nutrition assistance program as specified;
4 providing definitions; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 42-2-115 is created to read:

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10 **42-2-115. Supplemental nutrition assistance program;**
11 **waiver; definitions.**

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13 (a) As used in this section:

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15 (i) "Candy" means a preparation of sugar, honey
16 or other natural sweeteners in combination with chocolate,

1 fruit, nuts or other ingredients or flavorings in the form
2 of bars, drops or pieces;

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4 (ii) "Soft drink" means a nonalcoholic beverage
5 that contains natural sweeteners. "Soft drink" shall not
6 include a beverage that contains milk, milk products, soy,
7 rice or similar milk substitutes or a beverage that is
8 greater than fifty percent (50%) vegetable or fruit juice
9 by volume.

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11 (b) Not later than July 1, 2025, the director of the
12 department of family services shall request a waiver from
13 the United States department of agriculture to exclude
14 candy and soft drinks from the definition of eligible foods
15 under 7 C.F.R. § 271.2. If the waiver is granted, the
16 director of the department of family services shall
17 prohibit the purchase of candy and soft drinks with
18 benefits provided under the supplemental nutrition
19 assistance program. If no waiver is granted, the director
20 of the department of family services shall repeat the
21 request for a waiver annually until the waiver is granted.

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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