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HOUSE BILL NO.

SNAP benefits-waiver request.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim Committee

A BILL

for

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

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

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

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

(a) As used in this section:

(i) "Candy" means a preparation of sugar, honey or other natural or artificial sweeteners in combination with chocolate, fruit, nuts or other ingredients or flavorings in the form of bars, drops or pieces. "Candy" shall not include any preparation requiring refrigeration;

(ii) "Soft drink" means a nonalcoholic beverage that contains natural or artificial sweeteners. "Soft drink" shall not include a beverage that contains milk, milk products, soy, rice or similar milk substitutes, a beverage that is greater than fifty percent (50%) vegetable or fruit juice by volume or a beverage that is exclusively naturally sweetened using natural vegetable or fruit juice.

(b) Not later than July 1, 2026, the director of the department of family services shall request a waiver from the United States department of agriculture to exclude candy and soft drinks from the definition of eligible foods under 7 C.F.R. § 271.2. If the waiver is granted, the director of the department of family services shall prohibit the acquisition of candy and soft drinks through

benefits provided under the federal supplemental nutrition assistance program. If no waiver is granted, the director of the department of family services shall repeat the request for a waiver not later than July 1 of each year thereafter until the waiver is granted.

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

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