

2018 Florida House Bill No. 47, Florida One Hundred Twentieth Regular Session

FLORIDA BILL TEXT

TITLE: Restrictions on Use of Public Assistance Benefits

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SUMMARY: Requires DCF to request waiver to prohibit use of SNAP benefits to purchase soft drinks & to renew its request annually until waiver is granted.

TEXT:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to restrictions on use of public assistance benefits; creating s. 414.457, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families to request a waiver to prohibit the use of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits to purchase soft drinks; requiring the department to renew its request annually until a waiver is granted; defining the term "soft drink"; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 414.457, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

414.457 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; purchases of soft drinks prohibited.--The department shall seek a waiver of federal requirements established under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), 7 U.S.C. ss. 2011 et seq., to prohibit persons from using SNAP benefits to purchase soft drinks. If the request for a waiver is denied, the department shall renew its request annually until a waiver is granted. For the purpose of this section, a soft drink is a flavored carbonated beverage that is sweetened with natural or artificial sweeteners.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.