

# HOUSE BILL 226

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Food Stamp Program – Minimum Benefit for Disabled Individuals – State**  
3 **Supplement**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State to provide a certain supplement to a household that  
5 includes a certain individual who receives a federally funded benefit of less than a  
6 certain amount per month under the food stamp program; defining a certain term;  
7 and generally relating to the food stamp program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Human Services

10 Section 5–501

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2007 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Human Services**

16 5–501.

17 (a) The Department may implement a food stamp program in accordance with the  
18 federal Food Stamp Act.

19 (b) The State shall bear the nonfederal portion of the administrative costs of the  
20 food stamp program for each county.

21 (c) Each local department shall administer the food stamp program:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) under the supervision and control of the Department; and

2 (2) in accordance with the regulations of the Department and federal law.

3 (d) If a household includes an individual who is at least 62 years old and receives  
4 a federally funded benefit in an amount less than \$30 per month under the food stamp  
5 program, the State shall provide a supplement to increase the total benefit to \$30 per  
6 month.

7 **(E) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "DISABLED INDIVIDUAL" MEANS AN**  
8 **INDIVIDUAL WHO RECEIVES STATE OR FEDERAL BENEFITS FOR WHICH ELIGIBILITY**  
9 **IS BASED ON:**

10 **(I) THE DISABILITY OR BLINDNESS CRITERIA UNDER THE**  
11 **FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY ACT; OR**

12 **(II) THE DISABILITY CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE U.S.**  
13 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

14 **(2) IF A HOUSEHOLD INCLUDES A DISABLED INDIVIDUAL WHO**  
15 **RECEIVES A FEDERALLY FUNDED BENEFIT IN AN AMOUNT LESS THAN \$30 PER**  
16 **MONTH UNDER THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM, THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE A**  
17 **SUPPLEMENT TO INCREASE THE TOTAL BENEFIT TO \$30 PER MONTH.**

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 October 1, 2019.