

# HOUSE BILL 445

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

### 2 **Food Stamp Program – Minimum Benefit – State Supplement**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring~~ authorizing the State to provide a certain supplement to a  
4 household that receives a federally funded benefit of less than a certain amount per  
5 month under the food stamp program; requiring the Department of Human  
6 Resources to notify the Department of Legislative Services within a certain time  
7 period after the federal government fully funds a certain minimum benefit; providing  
8 for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the food stamp program.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Human Services  
11 Section 5–501  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

### 16 **Article – Human Services**

17 5–501.

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

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

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

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

6 **(D) IF A HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES A FEDERALLY FUNDED BENEFIT IN AN**  
7 **AMOUNT LESS THAN \$30 PER MONTH UNDER THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM, THE**  
8 **STATE ~~SHALL~~ MAY PROVIDE A SUPPLEMENT TO INCREASE THE TOTAL BENEFIT TO**  
9 **\$30 PER MONTH.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Human  
11 Resources shall notify the Department of Legislative Services within 5 days after the  
12 federal government fully funds a minimum benefit of at least \$30 under the federal  
13 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as the Food Stamp Program.

14 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 October 1, 2016. It shall remain effective until 30 days after the day on which the  
16 Department of Legislative Services receives notice under Section 2 of this Act, and at the  
17 end of the 30th day, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall  
18 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.