

1 **H. B. 2599**

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3 (By Delegates Ellem and Householder)

4 [Introduced February 22, 2013; referred to the  
5 Committee on Health and Human Resources then the  
6 Judiciary.]  
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10 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by  
11 adding thereto a new section, designated §9-5-22, relating to  
12 prohibiting recipients of state assistance under the  
13 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program from purchasing  
14 sugary soft drinks or carbonated beverages with such funds.

15 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

16 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended  
17 by adding thereto a new section, designated §9-5-22, to read as  
18 follows:

19 **ARTICLE 5. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

20 **§9-5-22. Recipient of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**  
21 **prohibited from certain purchases.**

22 Notwithstanding any other provision in this code to the  
23 contrary, recipients of assistance under the federal Supplemental

- 1 Nutrition Assistance Program administered by the state may not  
2 purchase sugary soft drinks or carbonated drinkswith such funds.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit recipients of public assistance under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program from the purchase of sugary soft drinks or carbonated beverages.

This section is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.