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House Bill 2132

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to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then

the Judiciary.]

1   A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,

2   designated §9-5-25, relating to limiting able-bodied adults without dependents receipt of

3   SNAP benefits to three months in a thirty-six month period, except in months in which the

4   recipient is working, or is participating in a work, educational, or volunteer program for at

5   least twenty hours per week; the Department of Health and Human Resources shall not

6   request a waiver to provide SNAP benefits to able-bodied adults without dependents.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1   That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new

2   section, designated §9-5-25, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

§9-5-25. Requirements for certain adult recipients of SNAP benefits.

1   (a) All able-bodied adults without dependents, eighteen years of age to fifty years of age,

2   who are not disabled, pregnant or responsible for the care of a minor child, may receive

3   Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") benefits for only three months in each

4   thirty-six month period. Recipients are exempt from the time limit if they are employed or are

5   participating and complying with the requirements of a work, educational or volunteer program for

6   at least twenty hours per week.

7   (b) Beginning July 1, 2017, the Department of Health and Human Resources may not

8   request a waiver to provide SNAP benefits to able bodied adults without dependents who are not

9   meeting the requirements described in subsection (a).

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NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to ensure that all able bodied adults without dependents are working, or in a work program, for a minimum of twenty hours per week for continued eligibility for SNAP benefits.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.