

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0007

SNAP benefits-waiver request.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to welfare; requiring the director of the
2 department of family services to request a waiver under the
3 supplemental nutrition assistance program as specified;
4 providing definitions; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 42-2-115 is created to read:

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10 **42-2-115. Supplemental nutrition assistance program;**
11 **waiver; definitions.**

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13 (a) As used in this section, "accessory food" means
14 one (1) or more of the following:

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1 (i) A food item that is generally considered a
2 snack food or dessert, including but not limited to potato
3 chips, ice cream, crackers, cupcakes, cookies, popcorn,
4 pastries and candy;

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6 (ii) A food item that complements or supplements
7 meals, including but not limited to coffee, tea, cocoa,
8 carbonated and uncarbonated drinks, condiments, spices,
9 salt and sugar;

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11 (iii) A food item containing an accessory food
12 item under paragraphs (i) or (ii) of this subsection as its
13 main ingredient.

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15 (b) Not later than July 1, 2026, the director of the
16 department of family services shall request a waiver from
17 the United States department of agriculture to exclude
18 accessory foods from the definition of eligible foods under
19 7 C.F.R. § 271.2. If the waiver is granted, the director of
20 the department of family services shall prohibit the
21 acquisition of accessory foods through benefits provided
22 under the federal supplemental nutrition assistance
23 program. If no waiver is granted, the director of the

1 department of family services shall repeat the request for
2 a waiver not later than July 1 of each year thereafter
3 until the waiver is granted.

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5 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
6 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
7 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
8 Constitution.

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