

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Human Services to which was referred House Bill No.
3 271 entitled “An act relating to administration of the Supplemental Nutrition
4 Assistance Program” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting
6 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. chapter 17 is amended to read:

8 CHAPTER 17. ~~FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS~~
9 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

10 § 1701. SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

11 (a) The State of Vermont may participate in the federal Supplemental
12 Nutrition Assistance Program ~~which is provided for under~~ (SNAP) pursuant to
13 7 U.S.C. chapter 51. The Commissioner may adopt, amend, or repeal rules
14 governing the operation of the Program in the State. The purpose of SNAP is
15 to alleviate hunger and malnutrition among low-income households by
16 increasing their food purchasing power and access to nutritious safe food.

17 (b) An individual domiciled in Vermont shall be exempt from the
18 disqualification provided for in 21 U.S.C. § 862a.

19 (c) ~~When~~ As used in this ~~section~~ chapter, “Commissioner” means the
20 Commissioner for Children and Families and “Department” means the
21 Department for Children and Families.

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§ 1703. CHANGES TO PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

(a) The Department shall report to the Chairs of the House Committee on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare regarding any change in the federal law governing SNAP that restricts eligibility, increases barriers or creates hardships to access, or inhibits benefit usage for applicants or participants in Vermont within 30 days after the change.

(b) The Commissioner may convene a meeting of interested stakeholders to discuss the changes listed in subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

(Committee vote: _____)

Representative _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE