



S.F. No. 1110 – Establishing the Minnesota SNAP step up for seniors program (as proposed to be amended by the A-1 amendment)

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Section 1 (adds Minn. Stat. § 142F.121) establishes the Minnesota SNAP step up for seniors program to supplement the minimum monthly benefit amount for eligible seniors who receive federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

Subdivision 2 defines an “eligible senior” as an individual age 60 or older and the “minimum monthly benefit amount” as \$50.

Subdivision 3 requires the state to increase the total benefit amount a household with an eligible senior receives to at least the minimum monthly benefit amount, when the eligible senior’s federal SNAP benefit amount is less than the minimum monthly benefit amount. Requires households with an eligible senior to receive the supplemental benefit in addition to the SNAP benefit.

Subdivision 4 prohibits the benefit amount received by an eligible senior or household under this section from being counted as income for any program that does not count SNAP benefits as income.

Subdivision 5 provides that the Minnesota SNAP step up for seniors program is subject to the same federal and state regulations, rules, and procedures for implementing SNAP. Requires the commissioner of children, youth, and families to utilize any available federal funds as the primary source for issuing the monthly supplemental benefit before any state funds are used.

Section 2 (FEDERAL WAIVER OR APPROVAL) requires the commissioner of children, youth, and families to apply to the United States Department of Agriculture for any necessary waivers or approvals to implement the Minnesota SNAP step up for seniors program.

Section 3 (APPROPRIATION) contains a blank appropriation for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 from the general fund for the Minnesota SNAP step up for seniors program.

