
Councilmember Michael A. Brown

Councilmember Mary M. Cheh

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Councilmembers Mary M. Cheh and Michael A. Brown introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on _____.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "SNAP Expansion Act of 2010".

Sec. 2. Implementation of the Homeless Shelter / Utility Deduction.

All households participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, in which all members are homeless individuals that incur or reasonably expect to incur any shelter and/or utility costs during a month shall be eligible to receive a Homeless Shelter/Utility deduction of \$143 per month pursuant to 7 U.S.C. § 2014 (e)(6)(D). A homeless household may claim actual shelter and/or utility expenses if these expenses result in a deduction higher than the \$143 Homeless Shelter/Utility deduction.

Sec. 3. Implementation of Transitional SNAP Benefits.

Any household that ceases to receive cash assistance under the District's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, funded by federal TANF dollars, District Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funds, or any other funds, shall receive transitional Supplemental

Nutrition Assistance Program benefits for a period of 5 months after the date on which cash assistance is terminated and automatically adjusted for the loss of the TANF or MOE program income pursuant to 7 U.S.C. § 2020 (s).

Sec. 4. Implementation of simplified self-employment deduction.

The Mayor shall submit a proposal to the United States Department of Agriculture to use a standard self-employment deduction, with an option for an applicant to prove actual expenses in the event that such expenses exceed the set standard deduction for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program pursuant to 7 U.S.C. § 2014 (m) and 7 C.F.R. 273.11 (b)(3)(v).

Sec. 5. Reporting.

Each month, the Mayor shall provide the following information for the preceding month to the Council:

- (1) Number of households participating in the District's cash assistance TANF programs;
- (2) Number of households participating in SNAP;
- (3) Number of households who left the District's cash assistance TANF programs and the reasons why;
- (4) Number of households who left SNAP and the reasons why;
- (5) Number of homeless households participating in SNAP; and
- (6) Number of SNAP participants who are self-employed.

Sec. 6. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02 (c)(3)).

Sec. 7. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.