

By: Representative Scott

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 500

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
 2 TO SEEK FEDERAL WAIVERS NECESSARY TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A
 3 SYSTEM UNDER WHICH LIMITS WILL BE PLACED ON PURCHASES OF FOOD BY
 4 RECIPIENTS OF SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)
 5 BENEFITS SO THAT THE RECIPIENTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PURCHASE IN
 6 ANY MONTH MORE THAN THE PERCENTAGE OF EACH FOOD GROUP IN THE
 7 CURRENT MYPLATE NUTRITION GUIDE OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
 8 AGRICULTURE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

10 **SECTION 1.** The Mississippi Department of Human Services
 11 shall seek waivers from federal law and regulations from the
 12 United States Department of Health and Human Services and the
 13 United States Department of Agriculture that are necessary to
 14 develop and implement a system under which limits will be placed
 15 on purchases of food with the monthly electronic benefit transfer
 16 (EBT) allotment for recipients of Supplemental Nutrition
 17 Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits so that the recipients will not
 18 be able to purchase in any month more than the percentage of each
 19 food group in the current MyPlate nutrition guide of the United
 20 States Department of Agriculture.



21 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
22 and after July 1, 2018.

