

By: Representative Brown

To: Medicaid

HOUSE BILL NO. 1228

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
2 TO SEEK FEDERAL WAIVERS NECESSARY TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO  
3 ENCOURAGE A HEALTHY DIET FOR RECIPIENTS OF SNAP BENEFITS BY  
4 LIMITING THE PURCHASE OF FOODS AND BEVERAGES THAT ARE LOW IN  
5 NUTRIENTS AND FOODS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO DISEASES SUCH AS HEART  
6 DISEASE AND DIABETES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** The Mississippi Department of Human Services  
9 shall seek waivers from federal law and regulations from the  
10 United States Department of Health and Human Services and the  
11 United States Department of Agriculture waivers that are necessary  
12 to allow the Mississippi Department of Human Services to encourage  
13 a healthy diet for recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance  
14 Program (SNAP) benefits by limiting the purchase of foods and  
15 beverages that are low in nutrients and foods that contribute to  
16 diseases such as heart disease and diabetes.

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

