

# SENATE BILL NO. 662

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BRATTIN.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

## AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 208, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto  
2 one new section, to be known as section 208.286, to read as  
3 follows:

**208.286. 1. As used in this section, the following  
2 terms mean:**

3 (1) "Candy", a preparation of sugar, honey, or other  
4 natural or artificial sweeteners in combination with  
5 chocolate, fruit, nuts, or other ingredients or flavorings  
6 in the form of bars, drops, or pieces;

7 (2) "Soft drinks", nonalcoholic beverages that contain  
8 natural or artificial sweeteners, except beverages that  
9 contain milk or milk products, soy, rice, or similar milk  
10 substitutes, or greater than fifty percent of vegetable or  
11 fruit juice by volume.

12 2. The director of the department of social services  
13 shall request a waiver from the U.S. Department of  
14 Agriculture to exclude candy and soft drinks from the  
15 definition of eligible foods under 7 CFR 271.2. If such  
16 waiver is granted, then the director shall prohibit the  
17 purchase of candy and soft drinks with benefits provided  
18 through the supplemental nutrition assistance program. If

19 no waiver is granted, then the director shall annually  
20 request a waiver until the waiver is granted.

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