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HOUSE BILL NO. 1883

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE STEVENS (46).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 192, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a farmers' market nutrition program.

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

Section A. Chapter 192, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 192.550, to read as follows:

192.550. 1. The department of health and senior services shall apply for a grant under the United States Department of Agriculture's Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Farmers' Market Nutrition Program to provide low-income pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and children under five years of age who are found to be at nutritional risk with vouchers that may be exchanged for eligible food at farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community-supported agriculture (CSA) programs.

2. There is hereby established the "Missouri WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program" within the department of health and senior services. Upon receipt of any grant moneys under subsection 1 of this section, the program shall supply Missouri-grown fresh produce to WIC participants through the distribution of vouchers that are redeemable only at a Missouri farmers' market, roadside stand, or CSA program approved by the department. The program is designed to provide a supplemental source of fresh produce for the dietary needs of low-income pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and children under five years of age who are found to be at nutritional risk; to stimulate an increased demand for Missouri-grown produce at farmers' markets, roadside stands, and CSA programs; and to develop new and additional farmers' markets, roadside stands, and CSA programs.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **3. Eligible WIC participants shall receive farmers’ market nutrition program**
19 **vouchers from designated distribution sites in their county of residence. Upon the issuance**
20 **of vouchers, participants shall be provided with a list of participating farmers, farmers’**
21 **markets, roadside stands, and CSA programs. The department shall provide distribution**
22 **site information at all county health departments and shall publish such information on**
23 **the department’s website, which shall be updated annually for the duration of the**
24 **program.**

25 **4. For purposes of this section, “WIC participant” means a person who participates**
26 **in the women, infants and children (WIC) special supplemental nutrition program**
27 **administered by the department of health and senior services.**

28 **5. The department may promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this**
29 **section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is**
30 **created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it**
31 **complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,**
32 **section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers**
33 **vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective**
34 **date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the**
35 **grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2018,**
36 **shall be invalid and void.**

37 **6. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:**

38 **(1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall**
39 **automatically sunset six years after the effective date of this section unless reauthorized by**
40 **an act of the general assembly;**

41 **(2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section**
42 **shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this**
43 **section; and**

44 **(3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately**
45 **following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset.**

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