

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 565, As Amended in the Senate

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE LAW; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, TITLE 56, IDAHO CODE,  
2 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 56-205, IDAHO CODE, TO REQUIRE THAT THE  
3 STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE OR ITS AUTHORIZED AGENT ISSUE  
4 CERTAIN BENEFITS OVER THE COURSE OF NOT LESS THAN TEN CONSECUTIVE DAYS  
5 WITHIN THE MONTH AND TO PROVIDE THAT BONUS MONEY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF  
6 AGRICULTURE SHALL BE USED, IF AVAILABLE, TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION COSTS;  
7 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

10 SECTION 1. That Chapter 2, Title 56, Idaho Code, be, and the same is  
11 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-  
12 ignated as Section 56-205, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

13 56-205. ISSUANCE OF SNAP BENEFITS. (1) In each month that the state de-  
14 partment or its authorized agent issues benefits under the supplemental nu-  
15 trition assistance program (SNAP) to eligible persons, such benefits shall  
16 be issued over the course of not less than ten (10) consecutive days within  
17 the month.

18 (2) To reduce the burden on state general funds, any implementation  
19 costs incurred by the department under subsection (1) of this section shall  
20 be paid using SNAP performance bonus money if such money is received from the  
21 United States department of agriculture. If the department does not receive  
22 sufficient SNAP performance bonus money, state general funds shall be re-  
23 quested to implement the provisions of this act. This act is dependent upon  
24 ongoing operating and personnel appropriations.

25 SECTION 2. This act shall be in full force and effect not later than June  
26 30, 2016.