

SENATE BILL No. 161

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-13-14-13; IC 16-35-1.5-8.

Synopsis: Acceptance of WIC/SNAP at farmers' markets. Requires a farmers' market administrator or representative who is responsible for managing a farmers' market that has qualified retailers to accept electronic benefit transfer (EBT) payments and coupons from participants in the following food assistance programs: (1) The federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). (2) The women, infants, and children nutrition program (WIC). (3) The WIC farmers' market nutrition program (FMNP).

Effective: July 1, 2022.

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January 4, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Family and Children Services.



Second Regular Session of the 122nd General Assembly (2022)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 12-13-14-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.13-2013,
2 SECTION 45, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 13. **(a)** The division shall implement a program
4 that provides a farmers' market administrator or a retailer who sells
5 food at a farmers' market with a wired or wireless point of sale terminal
6 that is connected to the EBT system.
7 **(b) A farmers' market administrator or representative who is**
8 **responsible for managing a farmers' market that has retailers who:**
9 **(1) sell food that qualifies for sale under the EBT program;**
10 **and**
11 **(2) meet the requirements of IC 16-42-5-29;**
12 **shall operate a wired or wireless point of sale terminal that is**
13 **connected to the EBT system to allow SNAP participants to**
14 **purchase eligible food.**
15 **(c) Nothing in subsection (b) prohibits a retailer at a farmers'**
16 **market from operating the retailer's own wired or wireless point**
17 **of sale terminal that is connected to the EBT system.**



1 SECTION 2. IC 16-35-1.5-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2022]: **Sec. 8. (a) A farmers' market administrator or**
4 **representative who is responsible for managing a farmers' market**
5 **that has the minimum number of WIC approved retailers who:**

6 (1) **sell food that qualifies for sale under the:**

7 (A) **WIC program; or**

8 (B) **WIC farmers' market nutrition program (FMNP); and**

9 (2) **meet the requirements of IC 16-42-5-29;**

10 **shall accept farmers' market nutrition program coupons and**
11 **operate a wired or wireless point of sale terminal that accepts a**
12 **food instrument to allow WIC participants to purchase eligible**
13 **food.**

14 (b) **Nothing in subsection (a) prohibits a retailer at a farmers'**
15 **market from accepting farmers' market nutrition program**
16 **coupons or operating the retailer's own wired or wireless point of**
17 **sale terminal that accepts a food instrument.**

