

## Chapter 324

**(House Bill 456)**

AN ACT concerning

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – State Supplement**

FOR the purpose of ~~lowering the minimum age that a member of a household must be for eligibility for a State provided supplemental benefit under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;~~ increasing the amount of the supplemental benefit that the State must provide by increasing the minimum total monthly benefit; and generally relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Human Services  
 Section 5–501  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Human Services**

5–501.

(a) (1) The Department may implement a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in accordance with the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

(2) The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program shall include:

(i) a Restaurant Meals Program in accordance with § 5–505 of this subtitle; and

(ii) a Heat and Eat Program in accordance with § 5–506 of this subtitle.

(b) The State shall bear the nonfederal portion of the administrative costs of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for each county.

(c) Each local department shall administer the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program:

(1) under the supervision and control of the Department; and

(2) in accordance with the regulations of the Department and federal law.

(d) If a household includes an individual who is at least ~~62~~ **60** years old and receives a federally funded benefit in an amount less than ~~[\$30] \$45~~ **\$40** per month under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the State shall provide a supplement to increase the total benefit to ~~[\$30] \$45~~ **\$40** per month.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.

**Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2022.**