

## Chapter 696

## (Senate Bill 758)

AN ACT concerning

**Food Stamp Program – Minimum Benefit – State Supplement**

FOR the purpose of requiring the State to provide a certain supplement to a ~~certain~~ household that *includes a certain individual who* receives a federally funded benefit of less than a certain amount per month under the food stamp program; and generally relating to the food stamp program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Human Services  
 Section 5–501  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2007 Volume and 2015 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) The Department may implement a food stamp program in accordance with the federal Food Stamp Act.

(b) The State shall bear the nonfederal portion of the administrative costs of the food stamp program for each county.

(c) Each local department shall administer the food stamp 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 ~~THAT CONSISTS OF ONE~~ INCLUDES AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AT LEAST 62 YEARS OLD AND RECEIVES A FEDERALLY FUNDED BENEFIT IN AN AMOUNT LESS THAN \$30 PER MONTH UNDER THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM, THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE A SUPPLEMENT TO INCREASE THE TOTAL BENEFIT TO \$30 PER MONTH.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016.

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 28, 2016.**