

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 629 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY TOOHIL, GROVE, PASHINSKI AND SHUSTERMAN, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 13, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in fiscal provisions
4 relating to public assistance, providing for distribution of
5 SNAP benefits.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known
9 as the Human Services Code, is amended by adding a section to
10 read:

11 Section 476. Distribution of SNAP Benefits.--The following
12 shall apply:

13 (1) Within ~~six months~~ ONE YEAR of the effective date of this <--
14 section, the department shall develop and implement guidelines
15 that require each county assistance office to distribute
16 benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
17 (SNAP) on a monthly basis using a uniform ~~twenty five day~~ <--
18 TWENTY-DAY distribution schedule. <--

19 (2) The department may implement a tiered distribution

1 schedule in order to deter any hardships as a result of the
2 change in the distribution date under this section for an
3 individual receiving the benefits.

4 (3) The guidelines under this section shall utilize a method
5 which is uniform throughout this Commonwealth so that the
6 distribution date for benefits does not change if an individual
7 receiving benefits moves to a different county of residence in
8 this Commonwealth, including using the first letter of the last
9 name of an individual receiving benefits to set the date of
10 distribution.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.