



State of Wisconsin
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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FOR 2017-2019 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

This bill prohibits an individual who is not elderly, blind, or disabled and whose household has more than \$25,000 in liquid assets, such as cash or financial resources that can be converted to cash without penalties from eligibility for FoodShare benefits. FoodShare is also known as the food stamp program and the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and is administered by DHS.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 49.79 (1r) of the statutes is created to read:

49.79 (1r) ELIGIBILITY; ASSET LIMIT. (a) In this subsection:

1. "Elderly, blind, or disabled individual" has the meaning given for "elderly or disabled member" in [7 USC 2012 \(j\)](#).

2. "Household" has the meaning given in [7 USC 2012 \(m\)](#).

3. "Liquid assets" means an individual's financial resources that are cash or can be converted to cash without incurring penalties, excluding the equity value of vehicles or of a home serving as the individual's primary residence. "Liquid assets" does not include any financial resources designated by the department by rule as excluded for the purposes of this subsection.

(b) Subject to par. (c), an individual who is not an elderly, blind, or disabled individual is ineligible to participate in the food stamp program in a month in which the household of which the individual is a member has liquid assets of more than \$25,000.

(c) If necessary, the department shall request a waiver from the U.S. department of agriculture to implement this subsection. If the U.S. department of agriculture disapproves the waiver request, the department may not implement this subsection.

SECTION 9420. Effective dates; Health Services.

(1) FOODSHARE ASSET REQUIREMENT. The treatment of section 49.79 (1r) of the statutes takes effect on July 1, 2018.

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