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## 2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 530

October 10, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives PRONSCHINSKE, R. BROOKS, HORLACHER, KITCHENS, KNODL, KREMER, STEFFEN, TITTL and TUSLER, cosponsored by Senator STROEBEL. Referred to Committee on Public Benefit Reform.

- 1     **AN ACT** *to create* 49.79 (7m) and 227.01 (13) (tm) of the statutes; **relating to:**  
2             nutritional food pilot program under FoodShare and providing an exemption  
3             from rule-making procedures.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill requires the Department of Health Services to develop, after consulting with stakeholders, and conduct a pilot program to use FoodShare benefits for foods, food products, and beverages that have sufficient nutritional value. FoodShare, also known as the food stamp program and the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, provides benefits to eligible low-income households for the purchase of food. FoodShare benefits are paid by the federal government while the state and federal government share the cost of administration. Under the bill's pilot program, DHS must identify categories of or specific foods, food products, and beverages that do not have sufficient nutritional value and restrict the use of FoodShare benefits for those foods, food products, and beverages. DHS must request a waiver of federal law, if it determines one is needed, and may not implement the pilot program unless the waiver is granted.

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

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

