



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 110

March 29, 2013 - Introduced by Representatives KAUFERT, NYGREN, BERNIER, BROOKS, STONE, TITTL, BIES, KERKMAN, KRUG, STRACHOTA, LEMAHIEU, MARKLEIN, KUGLITSCH, SCHRAA, A. OTT, ENDSLEY, MURSAU and TRANEL, cosponsored by Senators COWLES, LEIBHAM, LASEE and GROTHMAN. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the federal food stamp program, now known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and called FoodShare in this state, assists eligible low-income individuals to purchase food. SNAP benefits are paid entirely with federal moneys. The cost of administration is split between the federal and state governments; the program is administered in this state by the Department of Health Services (DHS).

This bill requires DHS to conduct a pilot program that limits the use of SNAP benefits for foods, food products, and beverages (foods and beverages) that have sufficient nutritional value. DHS must identify specific or categories of foods and beverages that do not have sufficient nutritional value and prohibit the use of SNAP benefits for those foods and beverages. If DHS determines that a federal waiver is needed to implement the pilot program, it must request the waiver 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.

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

