

SENATE BILL 52

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CF HB 87

By: **Senator Elfreth**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs – Waiver – Diapers and Menstrual**
3 **Hygiene Products**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Human Services to apply for a waiver to
5 allow benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or the Special
6 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to be used to purchase diapers or
7 menstrual hygiene products, if the U.S. Department of Agriculture makes the waiver
8 available; and generally relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
9 and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Human Services

12 Section 5–507

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Human Services**

18 **5–507.**

19 **(A) IF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE MAKES AVAILABLE TO THE**
20 **STATE A WAIVER ALLOWING RECIPIENTS OF SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION**
21 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE**
22 **PROGRAM BENEFITS TO USE BENEFITS TO PURCHASE DIAPERS OR MENSTRUAL**
23 **HYGIENE PRODUCTS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL APPLY FOR THE WAIVER.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) IF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE APPROVES THE WAIVER**
2 **APPLICATION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL**
3 **ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE WAIVER.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2023.