



General Assembly

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Amendment

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Offered by:
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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6540 File No. 371 Cal. No. 461

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF CERTAIN BEVERAGES IN MIXED MATERIAL CONTAINERS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (*Effective October 1, 2013*) (a) The Commissioner of Social
4 Services, in consultation with the United States Department of
5 Agriculture and retailers and vendors that participate in the federal
6 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, shall:

7 (1) Develop a plan to institute a two-year pilot program in one
8 county within the state prohibiting any recipient of federal
9 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits from using such
10 benefits to purchase any beverages, including, but not limited to,
11 carbonated beverages, soda, juice, juice drinks, energy drinks, sports
12 drinks and teas, that have been presweetened with added sugar or
13 other caloric sweetener by the manufacturer or retailer of such
14 beverages; and

15 (2) Not later than January 1, 2014, submit a request for a waiver to
16 the United States Department of Agriculture to implement such pilot
17 program.

18 (b) (1) If the United States Department of Agriculture approves the
19 waiver submitted pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this
20 section, the Commissioner of Social Services shall, not later than sixty
21 days from the date such waiver is approved, institute the pilot
22 program developed pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of
23 this section.

24 (2) Not later than one hundred twenty days after the conclusion of
25 the pilot program, the commissioner shall submit, in accordance with
26 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, a report to the
27 General Assembly detailing the results of the pilot program. Such
28 report shall include: (1) Information regarding the administration of
29 the pilot program; (2) a summary of data documenting any changes in
30 the beverage purchasing habits of recipients of federal Supplemental
31 Nutrition Assistance Program benefits within the pilot county; (3) the
32 impact of the pilot program on retailers that participate in the federal
33 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program within the pilot
34 community; (4) any information available regarding the response to
35 the pilot program by retailers and recipients participating in the
36 federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program within the pilot
37 county; and (5) recommendations for further action, including, but not
38 limited to, an extension or expansion of the pilot program to further
39 address obesity and encourage healthy food and drink choices by
40 individuals receiving federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
41 Program benefits.

42 (c) If the United States Department of Agriculture rejects the waiver
43 submitted pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section,
44 the Commissioner of Social Services shall submit, within sixty days of
45 such rejection and in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of
46 the general statutes, a report to the joint standing committees of the
47 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human

48 services and public health detailing the efforts made to secure the
49 waiver, including, but not limited to, the parties consulted pursuant to
50 the development of the waiver, the recommendations and input
51 offered by such parties, copies of all materials and information
52 submitted to the United States Department of Agriculture, copies of all
53 correspondence with the United States Department of Agriculture,
54 including the letter of denial, and the commissioner's
55 recommendations for further action to address obesity and encourage
56 healthy food and drink choices by individuals receiving federal
57 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section