

# SENATE BILL 35

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By: **Senator McCray**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – State Supplement**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the minimum age that a member of a household must be for  
4 eligibility for a State-provided supplemental benefit under the Supplemental  
5 Nutrition Assistance Program; increasing the amount of the supplemental benefit  
6 that the State must provide; and generally relating to the Supplemental Nutrition  
7 Assistance Program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Human Services  
10 Section 5–501  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Human Services**

16 5–501.

17 (a) (1) The Department may implement a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance  
18 Program in accordance with the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

19 (2) The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program shall include:

20 (i) a Restaurant Meals Program in accordance with § 5–505 of this  
21 subtitle; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) a Heat and Eat Program in accordance with § 5–506 of this  
2 subtitle.

3 (b) The State shall bear the nonfederal portion of the administrative costs of the  
4 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for each county.

5 (c) Each local department shall administer the Supplemental Nutrition  
6 Assistance Program:

7 (1) under the supervision and control of the Department; and

8 (2) in accordance with the regulations of the Department and federal law.

9 (d) If a household includes an individual who [is at least 62 years old and]  
10 receives a federally funded benefit in an amount less than [\$40] **\$95** per month under the  
11 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the State shall provide a supplement to  
12 increase the total benefit to [\$40] **\$95** per month.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
14 October 1, 2024.