

# HOUSE BILL 87

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By: **Delegate Stewart**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

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## 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 for Women, Infants, and Children to be  
7 used to purchase diapers or menstrual hygiene products, if the U.S. Department of  
8 Agriculture makes the waiver available; and generally relating to the Supplemental  
9 Nutrition Assistance Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Assistance  
10 Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article – Human Services  
13 Section 5–507  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Human Services**

19 **5–507.**

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SHALL APPLY FOR THE WAIVER.

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

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