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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Human Services – Federal Commodity Supplemental Food**  
3 **Program – Administration**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Family Investment Administration in the Department of  
5 Human Services to be the central coordinating and directing agency of the federal  
6 Commodity Supplemental Food Program using certain funds and resources;  
7 repealing the requirement that the Secretary of Aging administer the Program; and  
8 generally relating to the federal Commodity Supplemental Food Program.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Human Services  
11 Section 5–205(a) and 10–204(a)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Human Services**

17 5–205.

18 (a) The Administration shall be the central coordinating and directing agency of  
19 all public assistance programs in the State, including:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (1) the Family Investment Program and related cash benefit programs;

2 (2) public assistance to adults;

3 (3) emergency assistance;

4 (4) food stamps;

5 (5) medical assistance eligibility determinations;

6 (6) the Energy Assistance Program;

7 (7) the Temporary Disability Assistance Program; [and]

8 (8) **THE FEDERAL COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM**  
 9 **WITH FUNDS AND RESOURCES RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT**  
 10 **OF AGRICULTURE UNDER 7 C.F.R. 247; AND**

11 [(8)] (9) any other public assistance activities financed wholly or partly  
 12 by the Administration.

13 10–204.

14 (a) The Secretary shall administer[:

15 (1)] the programs and activities that the federal government delegates to  
 16 the State under the Older Americans Act of 1965 that are not otherwise committed by law  
 17 to another unit of State government[; and

18 (2) the federal Commodity Supplemental Food Program with funds and  
 19 resources received from the United States Department of Agriculture under 7 C.F.R. 247].

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
 21 October 1, 2025.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.