

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 340

2 INTRODUCED BY J. GILLETTE

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING APPLICANTS FOR THE FEDERAL  
5 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO COOPERATE WITH THE STATE CHILD  
6 SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT SERVICES; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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10 **NEW SECTION. Section 1. Child support cooperation.** (1) For the purposes of this section,  
11 "obligor" and "support order" have the same meaning as those terms are defined in 40-5-201.

12 (2) (a) Noncustodial obligors shall cooperate with the department's child support enforcement  
13 services provided for in 40-5-203 as a condition of eligibility for the federal supplemental nutrition assistance  
14 program in accordance with the provisions of ~~7 CFR 273.11(e) and~~ 7 CFR 273.11(p) and 7 CFR 273.11(q).

15 (b) An individual is not eligible for the supplemental nutrition assistance program during any month  
16 in which the individual is delinquent in payment of a support order, as that term is defined in 40-5-201.

17 (3) The department shall exempt from the requirement described in subsection (1) obligors:

18 (a) who provide good cause for not cooperating, as allowed under 7 CFR 273.11(~~e~~)(q); or

19 (b) whose noncooperation is not determined to be a refusal to cooperate, as described in 7  
20 CFR 273.11(p).

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22 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an  
23 integral part of Title 53, chapter 2, part 9, and the provisions of Title 53, chapter 2, part 9, apply to [section 1].

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25 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective January 1, 2024.

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