

SENATE BILL NO. 227

April 17, 2025, Introduced by Senators LINDSEY and BELLINO and referred to Committee on Housing and Human Services.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled
"The social welfare act,"
(MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 109s.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 109s. (1) Beginning on the effective date of the
2 amendatory act that added this section, the department shall
3 request a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture
4 to exclude soda from the definition of eligible foods under 7 CFR
5 271.2. If the United States Department of Agriculture grants the

1 waiver requested under this subsection, the department shall
2 prohibit the purchase of soda with benefits provided through the
3 supplemental nutrition assistance program. If the United States
4 Department of Agriculture does not grant the waiver requested under
5 this subsection, the department shall request the waiver annually
6 until the waiver is granted.

7 (2) As used in this section, "soda" means any nonalcoholic
8 beverage that contains natural or artificial sweeteners. Soda does
9 not include a beverage that contains milk or milk substitutes or is
10 greater than 50% vegetable juice or fruit juice by volume.