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**An Act to Align the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
with Federal Regulations**

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.
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on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3104, sub-§16**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. OO, §12,
3 is further amended to read:

4 **16. Certain lottery and gambling winners ineligible.** A ~~recipient of~~ household
5 receiving food assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program may be
6 denied food assistance as described in this subsection.

7 A. ~~Lottery~~ Gross lottery and gambling winnings of \$5,000 or more, actually received
8 after any offsets to the winnings required by law by an individual in the recipient's
9 household within one calendar month equal to or greater than the maximum allowable
10 financial resource limit for elderly or disabled households, as provided in federal
11 regulations governing SNAP, won in a single game disqualifies the household from
12 receiving food assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program until
13 financial eligibility guidelines set forth in department rule are met.

14 B. The department shall enter into an agreement with the Department of
15 Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery
16 Operations, pursuant to which the bureau shall provide the department with reports no
17 less than monthly to assist the department in determining whether ~~an individual in the~~
18 ~~recipient's household~~ a recipient of SNAP benefits has received lottery and gambling
19 ~~winnings of \$5,000 or more within one calendar month~~ equal to or greater than the
20 maximum allowable financial resource limit for elderly or disabled households, as
21 provided in federal regulations governing SNAP.

22 SUMMARY

23 This bill amends the law governing the denial of food assistance under the
24 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, as a result of lottery and gambling
25 winnings. The bill provides that gross lottery and gambling winnings equal to or greater
26 than the maximum allowable financial resource limit for elderly or disabled households, as
27 provided in federal SNAP regulations, disqualifies a household from receiving food
28 assistance through SNAP.