

1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 12-4.13a as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.13a)

7 Sec. 12-4.13a. Gross income eligibility standard; SNAP.

8 (a) Subject to federal approval if required, a household  
9 that includes an elderly, blind, or disabled person shall be  
10 considered categorically eligible for Supplemental Nutrition  
11 Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits if the gross income of such  
12 household is at or below 200% of the nonfarm income poverty  
13 guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by the  
14 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the  
15 authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2); and a household that does not  
16 include an elderly, blind, or disabled person shall be  
17 considered categorically eligible for Supplemental Nutrition  
18 Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits if the gross income of such  
19 household is at or below 165% of those nonfarm income poverty  
20 guidelines.

21 (b) Subject to federal approval, if required, and federal  
22 funding, a household that includes one or more veterans or  
23 members of the armed forces shall be considered categorically

1 eligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)  
2 benefits if the gross income of such a household is at or below  
3 200% of the nonfarm income poverty guidelines. Nothing in this  
4 subsection shall be construed to create an obligation on the  
5 part of the Department of Human Services to allocate or  
6 provide SNAP benefits through the use of State funds.

7 As used in this subsection:

8 "Armed forces" means any of the Armed Forces of the United  
9 States, including a member of any reserve component or  
10 National Guard unit.

11 "Veteran" means a person who has served in the armed  
12 forces and was discharged or separated under honorable  
13 conditions.

14 (Source: P.A. 99-170, eff. 1-1-16.)