



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5611

Introduced 2/15/2012, by Rep. Michael Unes

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/4-1.6c new
305 ILCS 5/12-4.45 new

Amends the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and the Administration Articles of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that to be eligible for benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program an assistance unit's household assets must not exceed \$10,000, excluding (i) the value of the residence in which the assistance unit resides and (ii) the value of 2 vehicles, not including a recreational vehicle, used by the assistance unit for transportation purposes. Provides that subject to federal approval, the Department of Human Services shall restrict eligibility for benefits under the federally funded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly Food Stamp Program) to applicants whose household assets do not exceed \$10,000, excluding (i) the value of the residence in which the applicant resides and (ii) the value of 2 vehicles, not including a recreational vehicle, used by the applicant for transportation purposes. Effective January 1, 2013.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 adding Sections 4-1.6c and 12-4.45 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/4-1.6c new)

7 Sec. 4-1.6c. Asset test. To be eligible for benefits under
8 this Article the assistance unit's household assets must not
9 exceed \$10,000, excluding (i) the value of the residence in
10 which the assistance unit resides and (ii) the value of 2
11 vehicles, not including a recreational vehicle as defined in
12 the Campground Licensing and Recreational Area Act, used by the
13 assistance unit for transportation purposes.

14 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.45 new)

15 Sec. 12-4.45. Asset test; SNAP. Subject to federal
16 approval, the Department of Human Services shall restrict
17 eligibility for benefits under the federally funded
18 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly
19 Food Stamp Program) to applicants whose household assets do not
20 exceed \$10,000, excluding (i) the value of the residence in
21 which the applicant resides and (ii) the value of 2 vehicles,
22 not including a recreational vehicle as defined in the

1 Campground Licensing and Recreational Area Act, used by the
2 applicant for transportation purposes.

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
4 1, 2013.