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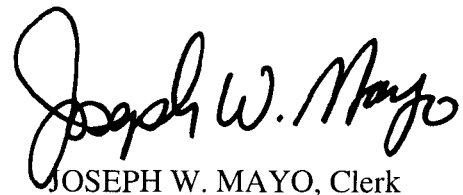
No. 1342

H.P. 953

House of Representatives, April 18, 1995

An Act to Eliminate Some Food Stamp Eligible Items and Allow Those Food Stores Authorized to Accept Food Stamps to be Women, Infants and Children Special Supplemental Food Program Vendors.

Received by the Clerk of the House on April 13, 1995. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth.
Cosponsored by Senator HALL of Piscataquis and
Representatives: BIRNEY of Paris, CAMERON of Rumford, DEXTER of Kingfield, REED
of Dexter, Senators: GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, HARRIMAN of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3104, sub-§12** is enacted to read:

4 **12. Limitation on use of food stamps.** Food stamps may not
6 be used to purchase and may not be accepted in payment for
8 prepared sandwiches, chewing gum, single candy bars, sodas or any
10 item defined as a "snack food" under Title 36, section 1752,
12 subsection 14-C packaged in single-serving amounts or in packages
14 under 2 ounces in weight.

12 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3108** is enacted to read:

14 **§3108. Women, Infants and Children Special Supplemental Food**
16 **Program; vendor authorization**

18 Food stores and other stores authorized to participate in
20 the federal food stamp program in the State that file a request
22 with the department to be vendors under the Women, Infants and
Children Special Supplemental Food Program must be authorized as
Women, Infants and Children Special Supplemental Food Program
vendors.

24 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

26 This bill makes single-serving snack foods ineligible for
28 purchase with food stamps. This bill also allows a food store or
30 other store authorized to participate in the federal food stamp
32 program to receive automatic authorization as Women, Infants and
Children Special Supplemental Food Program vendors upon the
filing of a request with the Department of Human Services.