

1302(a)(1) of Pub. L. 95–113. Section 3(b) of Pub. L. 93–86 had amended the definition of “household” in 1973 to exclude individuals receiving supplementary security income benefits under title XVI of the Social Security Act in certain months. For the period beginning Jan. 1, 1974, and ending September 30, 1978, Pub. L. 93–233, § 8(a), Dec. 30, 1973, 87 Stat. 956, as amended by Pub. L. 93–335, § 1(a), (b), July 8, 1974, 88 Stat. 291; Pub. L. 94–44, § 3, June 28, 1975, 89 Stat. 235; Pub. L. 94–365, § 2, July 14, 1976, 90 Stat. 990; Pub. L. 95–59, § 3, June 30, 1977, 91 Stat. 255, provided that the amendment by section 3(b) of Pub. 93–86 should not be effective and that the definition of “household” should read as it did before such amendment but with the addition of a new sentence to exclude individuals receiving certain Federal or State supplementary payments under certain circumstances.

CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY

Section 205 of Pub. L. 103–225 provided that: “An establishment or house-to-house trade route that is otherwise authorized to accept and redeem coupons under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) on the day before the date of enactment of this Act [Mar. 25, 1994] shall be considered to meet the definition of ‘retail food store’ in section 3(k) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2012(k)) (as amended by section 201) until the earlier of—

- “(1) the periodic reauthorization of the establishment or route; or
- “(2) such time as the eligibility of the establishment or route for continued participation in the food stamp program is evaluated for any reason.”

REPORT ON IMPACT ON RETAIL FOOD STORES

Section 206 of Pub. L. 103–225 provided that: “Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act [Mar. 25, 1994], the Secretary of Agriculture shall prepare and submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report on the impact of the amendments made by sections 201 and 202 [amending this section and section 2018 of this title] on the involvement of retail food stores in the food stamp program established under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.), including a description of—

- “(1) the numbers and types of stores that were newly authorized to participate in the food stamp program after implementation of the amendments;
- “(2) the numbers and types of stores that were withdrawn from the food stamp program after implementation of the amendments;
- “(3) the procedures used by the Secretary, and the adequacy of the procedures used, to determine the eligibility of stores to participate in the food stamp program and to authorize and reauthorize the stores to participate in the food stamp program;
- “(4) the adequacy of the guidance provided by the Secretary to retail food stores concerning—
 - “(A) the definitions of ‘retail food store’, ‘staple foods’, ‘eligible foods’, and ‘perishable foods’ for purposes of the food stamp program; and
 - “(B) eligibility criteria for stores to participate in the food stamp program; and
- “(5) an assessment of whether the amendment to the definition of ‘retail food store’ under section 3(k) of such Act [subsec. (k) of this section] (as amended by section 201(1)) has had an adverse effect on the integrity of the food stamp program.”

CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN RETAIL FOOD STORES

Pub. L. 103–205, § 2, Dec. 17, 1993, 107 Stat. 2418, provided that: “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 17, 1993] and ending on March 15, 1994, an establishment or house-to-house trade route that is otherwise authorized to accept and redeem coupons under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et

seq.) on the date of enactment of this Act may not be disqualified from participation in the food stamp program solely because the establishment or trade route does not meet the definition of ‘retail food store’ under section 3(k)(1) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2012(k)(1)).”

PUBLICLY OPERATED COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

Pub. L. 98–107, § 101(b), Oct. 1, 1983, 97 Stat. 734, provided in part: “That notwithstanding any other provision of law or this joint resolution, the provisions of subsections (f) and (i) of section 3 and section 10 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended [7 U.S.C. 2012(f), (i) and 2019], concerning private, nonprofit drug addiction or alcoholic treatment and rehabilitation programs, shall also be applicable to publicly operated community health centers”.

[Reference to community health center, migrant health center, public housing health center, or homeless health center considered reference to health center, see section 4(c) of Pub. L. 104–299, set out as a note under section 254b of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.]

ELIGIBILITY OF SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME RECIPIENTS FOR FOOD STAMPS DURING PRESCRIBED PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1974

Provisions respecting eligibility of supplemental security income recipients for food stamps during prescribed period beginning Jan. 1, 1974, see section 8(c) of Pub. L. 93–233, Dec. 31, 1974, 87 Stat. 957, set out as a note under section 1832e of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 2012a, 2014, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2026, 2028 of this title; title 8 section 1612; title 21 section 862a; title 31 section 3803; title 37 section 402a; title 42 sections 503, 604, 654, 8011.

§ 2012a. Publicly operated community health centers

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the provisions of subsections (f) and (i) of section 2012 of this title and section 2019 of this title, concerning private, nonprofit drug addiction or alcohol treatment and rehabilitation programs, shall henceforth also be applicable to publicly operated community health centers.

(Pub. L. 99–88, title I, § 100, Aug. 15, 1985, 99 Stat. 297.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1985, and not as part of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 which comprises this chapter.

REFERENCE TO COMMUNITY, MIGRANT, PUBLIC HOUSING, OR HOMELESS HEALTH CENTER CONSIDERED REFERENCE TO HEALTH CENTER

Reference to community health center, migrant health center, public housing health center, or homeless health center considered reference to health center, see section 4(c) of Pub. L. 104–299, set out as a note under section 254b of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

§ 2013. Establishment of program

(a) Use of coupons; redeemability

Subject to the availability of funds appropriated under section 2027 of this title, the Secretary is authorized to formulate and administer a food stamp program under which, at the request of the State agency, eligible households within the State shall be provided an oppor-

tunity to obtain a more nutritious diet through the issuance to them of an allotment, except that a State may not participate in the food stamp program if the Secretary determines that State or local sales taxes are collected within that State on purchases of food made with coupons issued under this chapter. The coupons so received by such households shall be used only to purchase food from retail food stores which have been approved for participation in the food stamp program. Coupons issued and used as provided in this chapter shall be redeemable at face value by the Secretary through the facilities of the Treasury of the United States.

(b) Distribution of federally donated foods

Distribution of commodities, with or without the food stamp program, shall be made whenever a request for concurrent or separate food program operations, respectively, is made by a tribal organization. In the event of distribution on all or part of an Indian reservation, the appropriate agency of the State government in the area involved shall be responsible for such distribution, except that, if the Secretary determines that the tribal organization is capable of effectively and efficiently administering such distribution, then such tribal organizations shall administer such distribution: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall not approve any plan for such distribution which permits any household on any Indian reservation to participate simultaneously in the food stamp program and the distribution of federally donated foods. The Secretary is authorized to pay such amounts for administrative costs of such distribution on Indian reservations as the Secretary finds necessary for effective administration of such distribution by a State agency or tribal organization.

(c) Regulations; transmittal of copy of regulations to Congressional committees prior to issuance

The Secretary shall issue such regulations consistent with this chapter as the Secretary deems necessary or appropriate for the effective and efficient administration of the food stamp program and shall promulgate all such regulations in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 553 of title 5. In addition, prior to issuing any regulation, the Secretary shall provide the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a copy of the regulation with a detailed statement justifying it.

(Pub. L. 88-525, §4, Aug. 31, 1964, 78 Stat. 704; Pub. L. 91-671, §3, Jan. 11, 1971, 84 Stat. 2049; Pub. L. 95-113, title XIII, §1301, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 961; Pub. L. 99-198, title XV, §§1505(a), 1506, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1567.)

AMENDMENTS

1985—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-198, §1505(a), inserted “, except that a State may not participate in the food stamp program if the Secretary determines that State or local sales taxes are collected within that State on purchases of food made with coupons issued under this chapter” at end of first sentence.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-198, §1506, struck out first sentence which directed that in jurisdictions where the

food stamp program is in operation, there shall be no distribution of federally donated foods to households under the authority of any law, except that distribution may be made (1) on a temporary basis under programs authorized by law to meet disaster relief needs, or (2) for the purpose of the commodity supplemental food program, and struck out “also” after “shall” in second sentence.

1977—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-113 made establishment of food stamp program subject to availability of funds appropriated under section 2027 of this title.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 95-113 inserted provisions relating to requests by tribal organizations.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 95-113 inserted provisions relating to transmittal of regulations and accompanying statement of justification to Congressional committees.

1971—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 91-671 substituted “the State agency” and “the charge to be paid for such allotment by eligible households” for “an appropriate State agency” and “their normal expenditures for food”, respectively, and struck out “more nearly” before “to obtain”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 91-671 substituted “operation” for “effect”, “federally donated foods” for “federally owned foods” where first appearing, and exception provision for distributions to households: during temporary emergency situations, for period of time necessary to effect transition to a food stamp program as a replacement of distribution of federally donated foods, or on request of the State agency without simultaneous participation in both the food stamp program and distribution of federally donated foods for prior exception during emergency situations caused by a national or other disaster.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Section 1505(b) of Pub. L. 99-198 provided that:

“(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect with respect to a State beginning on the first day of the fiscal year that commences in the calendar year during which the first regular session of the legislature of such State is convened following the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 23, 1985].

“(2) Upon a showing by a State, to the satisfaction of the Secretary, that the application of paragraph (1), without regard to this paragraph, would have an adverse and disruptive effect on the administration of the food stamp program in such State or would provide inadequate time for retail stores to implement changes in sales tax policy required as a result of the amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section], the Secretary may delay the effective date of subsection (a) with respect to such State to a date not later than October 1, 1987.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1977 AMENDMENT

Section 1301 of Pub. L. 95-113 provided that the amendment made by that section is effective Oct. 1, 1977.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 2012, 2014, 4004a, 7509 of this title; title 8 section 1615; title 37 section 402a.

§ 2014. Eligible households

(a) Income and other financial resources as substantial limiting factors in obtaining more nutritious diet; recipients under Social Security Act

Participation in the food stamp program shall be limited to those households whose incomes and other financial resources, held singly or in joint ownership, are determined to be a substantial limiting factor in permitting them to obtain a more nutritious diet. Notwithstanding any