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S.B. No. 379

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 379:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to prohibiting the purchase of sweetened soft drinks under the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 33, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 33.031 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.031. PURCHASE OF SWEETENED SOFT DRINKS PROHIBITED UNDER SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. (a) In this section, "sweetened soft drink" means a nonalcoholic beverage made with carbonated water that contains five grams or more of added sugar or artificial sweeteners. The term does not include a beverage that contains:

(1) milk or milk products;

(2) soy, rice, or similar milk substitutes; or

(3) more than 50 percent of vegetable or fruit juice by volume.

(b) A recipient of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits may not use those benefits to purchase a sweetened soft drink.

SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision, the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the

1 waiver or authorization is granted.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.