

Subject Supplemental food assistance for persons with a disability

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Summary

This bill establishes a supplemental food assistance program in section 256D.66, for persons with a disability who are eligible for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), but not eligible for the maximum federal SNAP benefit due to excess income. The bill defines terms, sets out application requirements, and specifies that eligible applicants must:

- meet initial and ongoing SNAP eligibility requirements;
- be a person with a disability;
- be a resident of Minnesota; and
- not be receiving assistance under MFIP.

The bill sets the program benefit amount as equal to the difference between the maximum benefit amount for a person's household size under the federal SNAP and the actual federal SNAP benefit amount calculated for the person and provides a monthly benefit limit. The bill also requires the commissioner to redetermine eligibility when redetermining federal SNAP benefits, and specifies that benefits received under this program must be disregarded as income like other SNAP benefits.