

Amendment to SB 615-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT establishing a commission to study the use and regulation of SNAP in New  
4 Hampshire.

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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 New Section; Commission to Study the Use and Regulation of SNAP Established. Amend RSA  
9 161 by inserting after section 14 the following new section:

10 161:15 Commission to Study the Use and Regulation of SNAP Established.

11 I. There is established a commission to study the use and regulation of the Supplemental  
12 Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in New Hampshire.

13 II. Notwithstanding RSA 14:49, II(c), the members of the commission shall be as follows:

14 (a) Two members of the senate, where at least one member is a member of the senate  
15 health and human services committee, appointed by the president of the senate.

16 (b) Two members of the house of representatives, where at least one member is a  
17 member of the house health, human services, and elderly affairs committee, appointed by the  
18 speaker of the house of representatives.

19 (c) Two people who are currently receiving SNAP benefits, appointed by the governor.

20 (d) A representative of a family resource center, appointed by Family Support NH.

21 (e) Two representatives of the department of health and human services, appointed by  
22 the commissioner.

23 (f) The governor, or designee.

24 (g) A representative from the beverage industry, appointed by the president of the  
25 senate.

26 (h) A representative from the grocers' industry, appointed by the president of the senate.

27 (i) A representative from convenience store industry, appointed by the speaker of the  
28 house of representatives.

29 (j) A representative from the New Hampshire Food Bank, appointed by that  
30 organization.

31 (k) A representative from the Double Up Food Bucks program, appointed by that  
32 program.

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1           (l) A representative of New Futures, appointed by that organization.

2           (m) A representative of the Business and Industry Association, appointed by the  
3 association.

4           (n) A representative of the New Hampshire Farmers' Market Association, appointed by  
5 the association.

6           (o) A representative from New Hampshire Hunger Solutions, appointed by that  
7 organization.

8           (p) A representative of NH Legal Assistance, appointed by that organization.

9           (q) A representative from the New Hampshire Medical Association, appointed by that  
10 organization.

11           (r) One representative from a New Hampshire school, appointed by the NH School  
12 Administrator's Association or the New Hampshire School Boards Association.

13           III. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation, except that legislative  
14 members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties  
15 of the commission.

16           IV. The commission shall:

17           (a) Research the practicality and feasibility of changing SNAP, including potential  
18 consequences from the federal government.

19           (b) Study how to prioritize SNAP dollars going to healthy food, including the feasibility  
20 of healthy eating educational campaigns.

21           (c) Study the economic impacts of snap changes to various industries, including costs to  
22 grocery stores, liquor stores, New Hampshire food banks, and convenience stores.

23           (d) Work with the department of health and human services to examine the prevalence  
24 of fraud, waste, and abuse within the SNAP program in New Hampshire, and determine what the  
25 department would require to identify fraud, waste, and abuse in the SNAP program.

26           (e) Study the impact of a waiver on New Hampshire retailers considering:

27               (1) The cost of compliance with a waiver to individual retailers and the state;

28               (2) The potential impact on retailers and state tax revenues due to decreased cross  
29 border sales and economic activity; and

30               (3) The impact to New Hampshire residents of rural areas and cities should the  
31 proposed waiver limit the ability of retailers to accept SNAP payments.

32           V. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The  
33 first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named senate member. The first meeting  
34 of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. A majority of the  
35 members shall constitute a quorum.

36           VI. The commission shall submit an interim report its findings and any recommendations  
37 for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives,

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1 the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.

2 The commission shall submit a final report on or before November 1, 2027.

3 2 Repeal. RSA 161:15, relative to the commission to study SNAP, is repealed.

4 3 Effective Date.

5 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2027.

6 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.