

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2731

By: Pittman

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to farmers markets; requiring farmers markets to accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits as payment subject to federal funding; mandating registration with the United States Department of Agriculture; providing for coordination between certain state agencies; defining term; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-3A.7 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Subject to federal funding, every farmers market as defined in Section 5-3A.2 of Title 2 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall register with the Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture to accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits as payment for eligible products being sold at the farmers market.

1 B. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry
2 shall coordinate with the Department of Human Services to ensure
3 compliance with the provisions of this section.

4 C. As used in this section, "eligible products" means items
5 identified by the United States Department of Agriculture as
6 eligible for SNAP benefits and include fruits and vegetables; meat,
7 poultry, and fish; dairy products; breads and cereals; other foods
8 such as snack foods and non-alcoholic beverages; and seeds and
9 plants, which produce food for the household to eat. Items such as
10 beer, wine, liquor, cigarettes, or tobacco; vitamins, medicines, and
11 supplements; prepared foods fit for immediate consumption; hot
12 foods; and any nonfood items are not eligible products.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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