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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 2095 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY MADSEN, KAZEEM, GALLAGHER, HADDOCK, SANCHEZ,  
GUENST, HANBIDGE, HILL-EVANS, BOYD, KIM, KRAJEWSKI, DALEY,  
DELLOSO, CERRATO, KINKEAD, SHUSTERMAN, ROZZI, KINSEY,  
KENYATTA, FLEMING AND SCOTT, MARCH 12, 2024

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, MARCH 12, 2024

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An  
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public  
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in fiscal provisions  
4 relating to public assistance, providing for distribution of  
5 SNAP benefits.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known  
9 as the Human Services Code, is amended by adding a section to  
10 read:

11 Section 476. Distribution of SNAP Benefits.--The following  
12 shall apply:

13 (1) Within one year of the effective date of this paragraph,  
14 the department shall develop and implement guidelines that  
15 require each county assistance office to distribute benefits  
16 under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) on a  
17 monthly basis using a uniform twenty-day distribution schedule.

18 (2) The department may implement a tiered distribution

1 schedule in order to deter any hardships as a result of the  
2 change in the distribution date under this section for an  
3 individual receiving the benefits.

4 (3) The guidelines under this section shall utilize a method  
5 which is uniform throughout this Commonwealth so that the  
6 distribution date for benefits does not change if an individual  
7 receiving benefits moves to a different county of residence in  
8 this Commonwealth, including using the first letter of the last  
9 name of an individual receiving benefits to set the date of  
10 distribution.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.