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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3855

02/15/2024 Authored by Gomez; Hemmingsen-Jaeger; Lee, F.; Hanson, J., and Lee, K., The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Children and Families Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; directing the commissioner of human services to
1.3 implement a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program restaurant meals program;
1.4 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256D.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. [256D.66] SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
1.7 RESTAURANT MEALS PROGRAM.

1.8 The commissioner of human services shall implement a Supplemental Nutrition
1.9 Assistance Program (SNAP) restaurant meals program to allow eligible SNAP recipients
1.10 to buy prepared meals at approved electronic benefits transfer (EBT) vendors. The
1.11 commissioner shall ensure that the program meets the requirements of the United States
1.12 Department of Agriculture.

1.13 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective upon approval by the United States
1.14 Department of Agriculture of an application for the SNAP restaurant meals program
1.15 submitted by the commissioner. The commissioner shall inform the revisor of statutes when
1.16 approval has been received.

1.17 Sec. 2. TRANSFER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND
1.18 FAMILIES.

1.19 The responsibilities and authorities under Minnesota Statutes, section 256D.66, shall
1.20 transfer to the Department of Children, Youth, and Families once it is operational. The
1.21 revisor of statutes shall renumber Minnesota Statutes, section 256D.66, with other SNAP

- 2.1 responsibilities if legislation is enacted during the 2024 legislative session recodifying the
- 2.2 statutes governing SNAP.