

What would passing SB 764 do?

Passing SB 764 would allow Missouri to opt out of the ban, created by the Federal government, placed on ex-drug felons regarding their ability to receive Food Stamp benefits. In 1996, the Federal government created a law that denied Food Stamps to anyone convicted of a drug related felony for the rest of their life. Within that law, though, the Federal government allowed State legislatures to opt out of this ban, and thus allow ex-drug felons to qualify. At this point 36 states have modified or completely opted out of this ban. Missouri has not opted out of the ban. If the Missouri Legislature passes SB 764, millions more Food Stamps dollars will be pumped into Missouri's economy and thousands more individuals will be helped by the Food Stamp Program.