



Senate Bill 613: Modifies the eligibility requirements for Food Stamp Assistance



Missouri Association for Social Welfare: Information about the Lifetime Food Stamp Ban

Missouri is losing Federal dollars but can regain them by passing Senate Bill 613. The 1996 Federal Welfare Reform laws created a lifetime ban on Food Stamps for individuals convicted of drug related felonies. No other felony conviction (Including murder, rape, sex offenses) results in a loss of Food Stamp Eligibility. Senate Bill 613 allows Missouri to “opt out” of this Food Stamp ban, thus increasing federal funds to Missouri by millions of dollars each year. Thirty-six other States have already chosen to “opt out”. Please read additional facts about the how Missouri would benefit from the passing of SB 613 below:

- Currently, there are 3,556 individuals included on an active family Food Stamp case but not included in the count due to a drug conviction.
- There are 11,924 individuals rejected for food stamps for a felony drug conviction in Missouri.
- The average amount of Food Stamp Benefits received each month is \$97.54.
- Every Food Stamp dollar spent in the state spurs \$1.84 in economic activity.
- Finally, each year the state is responsible for \$28.19 in administrative costs per person receiving Food Stamps.

ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO MISSOURI:

<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Monthly Benefits</u>	<u>Federal Dollars Gained to MO/mo.</u>	<u>Gain/yr.</u>
15,480	x \$97.54	= \$1,509,919.20	x12 = \$18,119,030.40

<u>Economic Activity/FS dollar</u>	<u>Federal Dollars Gained to Mo/yr.</u>	<u>Increased Economic Activity/yr.</u>
\$1.84	x \$18,119,030.40	= \$33,339,015.94

<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Yearly Administrative Costs/ Person</u>	<u>Total Administrative Costs/yr.</u>
15,480	x \$ 28.19	= \$436,381.20

<u>Increased MO Economic Activity</u>	<u>Administrative Costs/yr.</u>	<u>Economic Benefit/yr.</u>
\$ 33,339,015.94	- \$436,381.20	= \$32,902,634.74

These Federal Dollars and increased economic activity could be coming to Missouri each year by PASSING **SENATE BILL 613**

For more information: www.masw.org