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H. F. No. 496

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to local government; changing the requirements for expedited
1.3 supplemental nutrition assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section
1.4 393.07, subdivision 10a.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 393.07, subdivision 10a, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 10a. **Expedited issuance of food stamps.** (a) The commissioner of human
1.8 services shall continually monitor the expedited issuance of food stamp benefits to ensure
1.9 that each county complies with federal regulations and that households eligible for
1.10 expedited issuance of food stamps are identified, processed, and certified within the time
1.11 frames prescribed in federal regulations.

1.12 (b) County food stamp offices shall screen applicants ~~on the day~~ by the end of the
1.13 second working day after the date of application. Applicants who meet the federal criteria
1.14 for expedited issuance and have an immediate need for food assistance shall receive
1.15 within five working days the issuance of food stamp benefits.

1.16 (c) The local food stamp agency shall conspicuously post in each food stamp office
1.17 a notice of the availability of and the procedure for applying for expedited issuance and
1.18 verbally advise each applicant of the availability of the expedited process.

1.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for applications received after the
1.20 day following final enactment.