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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to participation in the senior farmers' market
2 nutrition program.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 175B.3A Senior farmers' market
2 nutrition program.

3 The department, in administering the senior farmers' market
4 nutrition program, shall deem as eligible all categories of
5 participants who are eligible to receive benefits under 7
6 C.F.R. §249.6.

7 EXPLANATION

8 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
9 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

10 This bill amends the "Iowa Farmers' Market Nutrition Program
11 Act" (Code chapter 175B) administered by the department of
12 agriculture and land stewardship. One program administered
13 by the department is the senior farmers' market nutrition
14 program (SFMNP) as authorized by the federal Farm Security and
15 Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. §3007 and 7 C.F.R. pt.
16 249). The bill requires all categories of participants under 7
17 C.F.R. §249.6 are eligible to receive assistance. That section
18 mandates that generally participants must be at least 60 years
19 old, but that states may include persons who are less than that
20 age, including Native Americans who are at least 55 years old
21 and certain disabled individuals who are less than 60 years
22 old living in housing facilities occupied primarily by older
23 individuals where congregate nutrition services are provided.