

House File 172 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to program flexibilities under the special
2 supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and
3 children program.

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

1 Section 1. PROGRAM FLEXIBILITIES — SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL
2 NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)
3 PROGRAM — NONCONTRACT BRANDS. The department of health and
4 human services shall request any necessary waivers from the
5 food and nutrition service of the United States department of
6 agriculture to increase flexibility to WIC participants by
7 allowing the issuance of noncontract brand infant formula,
8 including infant formula imported from Canada and infant
9 formula available online. The department shall implement the
10 waiver upon receipt of federal approval.

11 EXPLANATION

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

14 This bill requires the department of health and human
15 services to request any necessary waivers from the food
16 and nutrition service of the United States department of
17 agriculture to increase flexibility to participants in the
18 special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants,
19 and children by allowing the issuance of noncontract brand
20 infant formula, including infant formula imported from Canada
21 and infant formula available online. The department shall
22 implement the waiver upon receipt of federal approval.