

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 670

BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN

HEALTH: Provides relative to the Healthy Food Retail Act

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:296(D)(1), (3), and (4)(b)(introductory paragraph), relative to
3 the Healthy Food Retail Act; to provide for the purpose of the program; to remove
4 program funding limitations; to provide for funding eligible projects; to remove
5 limitations on the frequency that an eligible project may qualify for funding; and to
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 3:296(D)(1), (3), and (4)(b)(introductory paragraph) are hereby
9 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §296. Healthy Food Retail Act; definitions; purpose

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12 D.(1) ~~To the extent funds are available, the~~ The Louisiana Department of
13 Agriculture and Forestry, in cooperation with public and private sector partners, shall
14 establish a financing program that provides grants and loans to healthy food retailers
15 that increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables and other affordable healthy food
16 in underserved communities.

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18 (3) The program shall provide funding on a competitive, ~~one-time~~ basis as
19 appropriate for the eligible project.

1 (4)

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3 (b) Funding ~~made available~~ for projects included in Subparagraph (a) of this

4 Paragraph may be used for the following purposes:

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes funding limitations on the financing program and project funding provided in the Healthy Food Retail Act.

Present law provides that to the extent funds are available, the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, in cooperation with other partners, shall establish a financing program that provides grants and loans to eligible healthy food retailers to increase access to healthy food in underserved communities.

Proposed law retains present law and removes the available funds exception for the financing program.

Present law provides that program funding shall be on a competitive, one-time basis as appropriate for the eligible project.

Proposed law permits an eligible project to qualify for program funding more than once.

(Amends R.S. 3:296(D)(1), (3), and (4)(b)(intro. para.))