

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 670

BY REPRESENTATIVES JORDAN, CHASSION, COX, FISHER, GREEN, HUGHES,  
JACKSON, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MOORE, NEWELL, PHELPS,  
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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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1                   (3) The program shall provide funding on a competitive, ~~one-time~~ basis as  
2                   appropriate for the eligible project.

3                   (4)

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5                   (b) Funding ~~made available~~ for projects included in Subparagraph (a) of this  
6                   Paragraph may be used for the following purposes:

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_