

local departments to administer the program under the supervision and control of the Department.

5-502. CONFLICT WITH FEDERAL LAW.

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 5-503 OF THIS SUBTITLE, IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE CONFLICTS WITH ANY FEDERAL LAW, THE FEDERAL LAW SHALL PREVAIL.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 88A, § 88(d)(1).

The references to "federal law" are substituted for the former references to "federal statute, rule or regulation" for brevity.

The former reference to "applicable" federal law is deleted as surplusage.

5-503. LEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

SUBJECT TO THE STATE BUDGET, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE FOOD STAMP BENEFITS TO A LEGAL IMMIGRANT WHO:

- (1) IS A MINOR;
- (2) IS INELIGIBLE FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED FOOD STAMP BENEFITS BECAUSE OF IMMIGRATION STATUS;
- (3) MEETS ALL OTHER FOOD STAMP PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS; AND
- (4) MEETS ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 88A, § 88(d)(2).

In the introductory language of this section, the former reference to the "limitations" of the State budget is deleted as surplusage.

Also in the introductory language of this section, the former requirement that the Department "have provided" food stamp benefits to a legal immigrant is deleted as included in the requirement that the Department "provide" benefits.

Also in the introductory language of this section, the former phrase "as described in subsections (a) and (b) of this section" is deleted as surplusage.

In item (1) of this section, the word "minor" is substituted for the former phrase "children under the age of 18 years" for brevity. See Art. 1, § 24.

Former Art. 88A, § 88(d)(3), which required that the "Department ... certify all active cases with legal immigrants through August 31, 1997", is deleted as obsolete.

The Human Services Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that effective October 1, 2003, all legal immigrant