

AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES; REQUIRING NOTIFICATION OF
ELIGIBILITY FOR FOOD STAMPS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 7, Article 1 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:

"NOTICE OF POTENTIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIRED.--The
department shall include a notice with an income tax refund or
other notice sent to a taxpayer whose income is within one
hundred thirty percent of federal poverty guidelines as
defined by the United States census bureau that the taxpayer
may be eligible for food stamps. Included in the notice shall
be general information about food stamps, such as where to
apply for food stamps, based on information received by the
department from the human services department by January 30 of
each calendar year."

Section 2. Section 27-2-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1973,
Chapter 376, Section 14) is amended to read:

"27-2-10. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM.--The income support
division of the human services department:

A. is authorized to establish a food stamp program
to carry out the federal Food Stamp Act, as may be amended
from time to time, and regulations issued pursuant to that
act, subject to the continuation of the federal food stamp

program and the availability of federal funds; and

B. shall by January 30 of each calendar year notify the taxation and revenue department of the location of food stamp offices in New Mexico for inclusion in a notice sent with an income tax refund or other notice to a taxpayer whose income is within one hundred thirty percent of federal poverty guidelines." _____

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