

**Introduced by Senator Roth**

February 22, 2013

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An act to amend Section 123285 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 667, as introduced, Roth. Supplemental food program.

Existing law, the California Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC Program), authorizes the establishment of a statewide program, administered by the State Department of Public Health, for providing nutritional food supplements to low-income pregnant women, low-income postpartum and lactating women, and low-income infants and children under 5 years of age, who have been determined to be at nutritional risk.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 123285 of the Health and Safety Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 123285. As used in this article, the following definitions shall
- 4 apply:
- 5 (a) "Health professional" means a physician and surgeon,
- 6 registered nurse, nutritionist, dietitian, or state or local medically
- 7 trained health official, who is competent to professionally evaluate
- 8 nutritional need and to authorize supplemental foods, as determined
- 9 by the state department.

1 (b) “Low income” means an income of not more than 185  
2 percent of the poverty level as determined by the federal poverty  
3 income guidelines promulgated by the United States Department  
4 of Health and Human Services.

5 (c) “Recipient” means *a low-income pregnant ~~women~~ woman,*  
6 *a low-income post partum and lactating ~~women,~~ and woman, or*  
7 *a low-income ~~infants and children~~ infant or child* under five years  
8 of age, who ~~are~~ *has been* determined to be at nutritional risk by a  
9 health professional, based on criteria established by the state  
10 department.

11 (d) “Nutrition coupon” means a check that is limited as to value,  
12 food type, and food quantity and that has a limited period of  
13 validity.

14 (e) “WIC Program” means the California Special Supplemental  
15 Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.