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**State of Washington 64th Legislature 2016 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Human Services, Mental Health & Housing (originally sponsored by Senators Warnick and Miloscia)

AN ACT Relating to the distribution of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits; and adding a new section to chapter 74.04 RCW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 74.04 RCW to read as follows:

Beginning February 1, 2017, the department must expand the dates it distributes supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits from the first through the tenth of every month, to the first through the twentieth of every month. The department must assign new supplemental nutrition assistance program benefit recipients distribution dates within the expanded distribution period until recipient distribution is reasonably equal throughout the range of distribution dates.

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