

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## 2SHB 2877

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Expanding distribution dates for supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Hickel, Zeiger, Riccelli, Sawyer, Wilcox, Kochmar, Stanford, Gregerson and Ormsby).

**House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services**  
**House Committee on Appropriations**  
**Senate Committee on Human Services, Mental Health & Housing**  
**Senate Committee on Ways & Means**

**Background:**

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), called "Basic Food" in Washington, provides nutritional support benefits to low-income individuals and families. Congress authorizes funding and establishes requirements for the SNAP through the Food and Nutrition Act, commonly referred to as the Farm Bill. The SNAP benefits are distributed to recipients each month via their Electronic Benefits Transfer card, which operates like a debit card. The Economic Services Administration, of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), distributes the SNAP benefits from the first to the tenth of every month, based on the last digit of the client's case number.

**Summary:**

Beginning February 1, 2017, the DSHS must expand the date range that the SNAP benefits are distributed from the first through the tenth of every month, to the first through the twentieth of every month.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	98	0	
Senate	48	0	(Senate amended)
House			(House refused to concur)
Senate	48	0	(Senate receded)

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