

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 262

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE LAW; AMENDING SECTION 56-211, IDAHO CODE, TO  
2 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO AN APPLICATION FOR CERTAIN  
3 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, TO GRANT THE STATE DEPARTMENT  
4 OF HEALTH AND WELFARE RULEMAKING AUTHORITY AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL COR-  
5 RECTION.  
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Section 56-211, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 56-211. APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE -- VERIFICATION FOR FEDERAL  
11 FOOD STAMP PROGRAM. (1) Application for public assistance under this act  
12 shall be made in the manner and form prescribed by the state department, and  
13 the application shall contain such ~~informatin~~ information bearing on the  
14 applicant's eligibility as the state department may require and as required  
15 in subsection (2) of this section.

16 (2) Applicants seeking benefits under the federal food stamp program  
17 shall verify to the state department the identity of each household member  
18 the applicant lists on the application for such benefits. Identification  
19 may be verified either through readily available documentary evidence, such  
20 as a birth certificate, or through a collateral contact as set forth in fed-  
21 eral law, 7 CFR 273.2. Upon a showing of good cause by the applicant as to why  
22 such documentary evidence or collateral contact has not been provided, the  
23 state department shall grant an extension and the applicant may receive the  
24 public assistance for which he or she has applied for one (1) month. A show-  
25 ing of good cause shall be required each month the applicant fails to pro-  
26 vide the state department with the required documentary evidence or collat-  
27 eral contact. Good cause is not shown where a delay in providing documentary  
28 evidence or providing a collateral contact is due to illness, lack of trans-  
29 portation or temporary absences. The provisions of this subsection shall  
30 not apply to applicants who provide, or who have previously provided, a docu-  
31 ment as set forth in section 67-7903 (4) (b) (viii) or (ix), Idaho Code.

32 (3) The state department may promulgate rules to implement the provi-  
33 sions of this section.