

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 975**

Short Title: Promote Local/Healthy Food. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives LaRoque and Sanderson (Primary Sponsors).  
For a complete list of Sponsors, see Bill Information on the NCGA Web Site.

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Referred to: Health and Human Services.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO WORK TOWARD DECREASING OBESITY AMONG SUPPLEMENTAL  
3 NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) PARTICIPANTS BY INCREASING  
4 THEIR PARTICIPATION IN SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE  
5 PROGRAM EDUCATION (SNAP-ED) AND MAKING FRESH, LOCALLY GROWN  
6 PRODUCE AVAILABLE BY INCREASING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ELECTRONIC  
7 BENEFITS TRANSFER (EBT) CARDS AT FARMERS MARKETS, AS  
8 RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDHOOD  
9 OBESITY.

10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

11 **SECTION 1.(a)** The Department of Health and Human Services shall increase the  
12 participation of eligible recipients in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education  
13 (SNAP-ED), which is an optional federal grant program that addresses nutrition education.

14 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Department of Health and Human Services shall report on  
15 their progress by October 1, 2013, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and  
16 Human Services.

17 **SECTION 2.(a)** The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the  
18 Department of Health and Human Services shall work collaboratively to (i) increase the  
19 number of farmers markets accepting Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)  
20 Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards and (ii) make the location of these farmers markets  
21 known to program recipients.

22 **SECTION 2.(b)** The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the  
23 Department of Health and Human Services shall make an interim report by March 1, 2013, and  
24 a final report by November 1, 2013, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health  
25 and Human Services.

26 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

