

**RULES
OF
TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
FAMILY ASSISTANCE DIVISION**

**CHAPTER 1240-1-10
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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1240-1-10-.01 RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE.

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1240-1-1-.03 PURPOSE OF THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM. The Food Stamp Program is designated to promote the general welfare and to safeguard the health and well-being of the Nation's population by raising the levels of nutrition among low-income households. Section 2 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 states, in part: "Congress hereby finds that the limited food purchasing power of low-income households contributes to hunger and malnutrition among members of such households. To alleviate such hunger and malnutrition, a food stamp program is herein authorized which will permit low-income households to obtain a more nutritious diet through normal channels of trade by increasing food purchasing power to all eligible households who apply for participation."

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1240-1-10-.04 LEGAL BASIS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAMS.

- (1) Legal Basis For The AFDC Program. The AFDC Program is established under the Social Security Act of 1935 as amended, (Title IV, Part A) and the Aid and Services to Needy Families with Children Law (TCA §§14-8-101 through 14-8-126).
- (2) Legal Basis For The Food Stamp Program
 - (a) The Food Stamp Program is authorized by the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (Title XIII, PL 95-113). Regulations issued pursuant to the Act are contained in 7 CFR Parts 270-282. The Tennessee Department of Human Services is empowered by TCA §14-27-104, to comply with any requirement that may be imposed, or opportunity presented, by federal law or regulation for the provision of Food Stamp benefits to Tennessee's Food Stamp applicants and recipients.
 - (b) The provisions of Title 18 of the United States Code, Crime and Criminal Procedure relative to counterfeiting, misuse, and alteration of obligations of the United States are applicable to Food Stamp coupons. Any unauthorized issuance, use, transfer, acquisition, alteration, possession, or presentation of coupons or ATP cards may subject any individual, partnership, corporation,

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or other legal entity to prosecution under Sections 15(b) and (c) of the Food Stamp Act or under any other federal, state, or local law, regulation, or ordinance.

Penalties for obtaining and/or redeeming coupons without authority are contained in *TCA §14-27-114*.

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