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Bill Analysis

SB 190 directs the Department of Human Services to develop simplified certification and recertification requirements under the Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP) for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for an individual who is 60 years of age or older or disabled, has no earned income, and resides in a household in which every person is 60 years of age or older or is a person with a disability. The simplified requirements shall allow the individual to waive recertification requirements, reduce the verification requirements, and allow the individual to remain eligible for SNAP benefits 36 months after certification and each recertification. The measure directs the Department to establish an increase in the standard medical deduction for households with elderly or disabled members. Each eligible household may deduct \$175.00 in qualifying medical expenses. The deduction shall not exceed \$350.00 for each household with more than 1 qualifying member.

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