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2 433 (Beal)]

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5 **Bill 433 (Beal) to require the Department of Social Services (DSS) to propose a new**
6 **name for the Food Stamp program and to establish categorical eligibility for food**
7 **stamp benefits for Medi-Cal recipients who are eligible for services funded by the**
8 **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant.**

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10 WHEREAS, Poor nutrition threatens the health of over two million California children
11 who are hungry or food insecure; and

12 WHEREAS, Research shows that federal food stamp benefits help farmers, grocers,
13 and the local economy, and have the potential to reduce future health costs associated with
14 diet-related diseases; and,

15 WHEREAS, Many recipients of Medi-Cal in California do not receive food stamps. The
16 state could extend categorical eligibility to cover this Medi-Cal population, to make it easier for
17 recipients to enroll in the Food Stamp Program; and,

18 WHEREAS, The majority of food stamp recipient households do not receive cash
19 assistance, and are headed by working adults; and,

20 WHEREAS, Many low-income California view the food stamp program as a “welfare”
21 program and not a health and nutrition program. As a result, participation in the program is
22 reduced; and,

23 WHEREAS, Given all these changes to the program, the program’s perception, the
24 program problems, and the need to connect the program to health and agriculture, the time is
25 right for a new name for the Food Stamp Program in California; and,

1 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 433 would require the State Department of Social Services
2 to propose a new name for the Food Stamp Program in California, and to convene with a
3 diverse group of stakeholders to develop the new name; and,

4 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 433 would require the new name to reflect one or more
5 designated concepts relating to the operation and significance of the program; now, therefore,
6 be it

7 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the State Assembly
8 Appropriations Committee to support Assembly Bill 433 (Beal) which will propose a new name
9 for Food Stamp Program and establish categorical eligibility for food stamp benefits.

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