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## 1     **Subtitle A—Food Stamp Program**

### 2     **SEC. 4001. RENAMING THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM.**

3           (a) AMENDMENTS TO THE FOOD STAMP ACT OF  
4 1977.—

5           (1) REFERENCES AMENDED.—The provisions of  
6 the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et  
7 seq.)—

8           (A) specified in paragraph (2)(A) are  
9 amended in the section heading by striking  
10 “**FOOD STAMP**” each place it appears and in-  
11 sserting “**SECURE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRI-**  
12 **TION ASSISTANCE**”;

13           (B) specified in paragraph (2)(B) are  
14 amended in the subsection heading by striking  
15 “FOOD STAMP” each place it appears and in-  
16 sserting “SECURE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION  
17 ASSISTANCE”;

18           (C) specified in paragraph (2)(C) are  
19 amended by striking each place it appears “food  
20 stamp recipient” and inserting “member of a  
21 household that receives Secure Supplemental  
22 Nutrition Assistance Program benefits”,

23           (D) specified in paragraph (2)(D) are  
24 amended by striking “food stamp recipients”  
25 each place it appears and inserting “members

1 of households that receive Secure Supplemental  
2 Nutrition Assistance Program benefits”,

3 (E) specified in paragraph (2)(E) are  
4 amended by striking “food stamp households”  
5 each place it appears and inserting “households  
6 that receive Secure Supplemental Nutrition As-  
7 sistance Program benefits”;

8 (F) specified in paragraph (2)(F) are  
9 amended by striking “Simplified Food Stamp  
10 Program” each place it appears and inserting  
11 “Simplified Secure Supplemental Nutrition As-  
12 sistance Program”;

13 (G) specified in paragraph (2)(H) are  
14 amended by striking “food stamp participants”  
15 each place it appears and inserting “partici-  
16 pants in the Secure Supplemental Nutrition As-  
17 sistance Program”;

18 (H) specified in paragraph (2)(I) are  
19 amended by striking “food stamp informational  
20 activities” each place it appears and inserting  
21 “informational activities relating to the Secure  
22 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program”;

23 (I) specified in paragraph (2)(J) are  
24 amended by striking “food stamp caseload”  
25 each place it appears and inserting “caseload

1 under the Secure Supplemental Nutrition As-  
2 sistance Program”;

3 (J) specified in paragraph (2)(K) are  
4 amended by striking “State’s food stamp house-  
5 holds” each place it appears and inserting “the  
6 number of households in the State receiving Se-  
7 cure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Pro-  
8 gram benefits”;

9 (K) specified in paragraph (2)(L) are  
10 amended in the section heading by striking  
11 “**FOOD STAMP PORTION**” each place it ap-  
12 pears and inserting “**SECURE SUPPLE-**  
13 **MENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PRO-**  
14 **GRAM BENEFITS**”;

15 (L) specified in paragraph (2)(M) are  
16 amended by striking “food stamps” each place  
17 it appears and inserting “Secure Supplemental  
18 Assistance Nutrition Program benefits”;

19 (M) specified in paragraph (2)(N) are  
20 amended by striking “Food stamp program”  
21 each place it appears and inserting “Secure  
22 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program”;

23 (N) specified in paragraph (2)(o) are  
24 amended by striking “food stamp program ben-  
25 efits” each place it appears and inserting “Se-

1 cure Supplemental Nutrition Program bene-  
2 fits”; and

3 (O) specified in paragraph (2)(O) are  
4 amended by striking “food stamp program”  
5 each place it appears and inserting “Secure  
6 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Nutrition  
7 Program”.

8 (2) PROVISIONS REFERRED TO.—The provi-  
9 sions of the of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 referred  
10 to in paragraph (1) are the following:

11 (A) Sections 4 and 26.

12 (B) Section 6(j).

13 (C) Section 6(o)(6)(A)(ii).

14 (D)(i) Subparagraphs (D) and (E) of sec-  
15 tion 6(o)(6);

16 (ii) sections 16(h)(1)(E)(i) and 12(a); and

17 (iii) paragraphs (1)(B)(ii)(II) and (3)(B)  
18 of section 17(b).

19 (E) Sections 7(h)(3)(B)(ii), 9(b)(1), 12(a),  
20 and 17(b)(1)(B)(ii)(I).

21 (F) Sections 11(e)(25) and 26(b).

22 (G) Section 11(f)(2)(B).

23 (H) Section 16(a).

24 (I) Section 16(e)(9)(C).

25 (J) Section 17(b)(1)(B)(iii)(I).

- 1 (K) Section 22.
- 2 (L)(i) Subsections (d)(3) and (o)(6)(A)(i)
- 3 of section 6;
- 4 (i) paragraphs (2)(B)(v)(II) and (14) of
- 5 section 11(e);and
- 6 (i) sections 12(e)(16), 17(b)(3)(C), and
- 7 18(a)(3)(A)(ii).
- 8 (M) Section 3(h)
- 9 (N)(i) In section 6—
- 10 (I) subsection (h); and
- 11 (II) in subsection (o)—
- 12 (aa) paragraph (2); and
- 13 (bb) subclauses (IV) and (V) of
- 14 paragraph (6)(A)(ii).
- 15 (ii) Section 7(k)(2).
- 16 (iii) In section 11—
- 17 (I) subsection (e)(25)(A);
- 18 (II) paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of
- 19 subsection (s); and
- 20 (III) subsection (t)(1)(B).
- 21 (iv) In section 17—
- 22 (I) subsection (a)(2);
- 23 (II) paragraphs (1)(A), (2), and
- 24 (3)(D) of subsection (b);

- 1 (III) paragraphs (1)(B), (2)(C)(ii),  
2 and (3)(E) of subsection (d); and  
3 (IV) subsections (e) and (f).  
4 (v) Section 21(d)(3).  
5 (O)(i) Sections 2, 3(h), and 4.  
6 (ii) In section 5—  
7 (I) subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d);  
8 (II) clauses (ii)(III) and (iv)(IV) of  
9 subsection (e)(6)(C);  
10 (III) paragraphs (1), (3), and  
11 (6)(B)(iv) of subsection (g); and  
12 (IV) subsections (h)(2)(A) and  
13 (k)(4)(B).  
14 (iii) In section 6—  
15 (I) subsections (a) and (b);  
16 (II) in subsection (d)(1)—  
17 (aa) subparagraphs (A) and (B);  
18 (bb) clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) of  
19 subparagraph (C); and  
20 (cc) clauses (v) and (vi) of sub-  
21 paragraph (D);  
22 (III) paragraphs (2)(C), (3), and  
23 (4)(A)(i) of subsection (d);  
24 (IV) subsections (e), (f), and (h);

- 1 (V) paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-  
2 section (i); and
- 3 (VI) subsections (j), (k), (l)(1),  
4 (m)(1), (n), (o)(5)(A);
- 5 (iv) In section 7—
- 6 (I) subsections (a), (b), and (g);
- 7 (II) paragraphs (1) and (2)(B) of  
8 subsection (j); and
- 9 (III) in subsection (k)—
- 10 (aa) paragraph (3); and
- 11 (bb) subparagraphs (B)(ii) and  
12 (C) of paragraph (4).
- 13 (v) In section 8—
- 14 (I) subsections (a), (c)(2), and (d)(2);
- 15 (II) in subsection (f)—
- 16 (aa) clauses (i)(II)(aa), (ii)(I),  
17 and (iv) of paragraph (1)(D), and
- 18 (bb) paragraph (3)(B)(ii)(II)(bb).
- 19 (vi) In section 9—
- 20 (I) paragraphs (1) and (3) of sub-  
21 section (a); and
- 22 (II) subsections (b)(1), (d), (e), and  
23 (g).
- 24 (vii) In section 11—
- 25 (I) subsections (c) and (d);



- 1 (II) in subsection (e)—
- 2 (aa) paragraph (1)(A);
- 3 (bb) clauses (i) and (iv) of para-
- 4 graph (2)(B); and
- 5 (cc) paragraphs (10), (17),
- 6 (20)(B), and (22);
- 7 (III) subsections (f)(1), (g), (i), and
- 8 (j)(1);
- 9 (IV) paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4)
- 10 of subsection (o);
- 11 (V) subsections (p) and (q); and
- 12 (VI) paragraphs (2)(A) and (B)(4)(A)
- 13 of subsection (t).
- 14 (viii) Sections 12(a) and 14(a)(1).
- 15 (ix) Subsections (b)(1) and (c) of section
- 16 15.
- 17 (x) In section 16—
- 18 (I) subsection (a);
- 19 (II) paragraph (1), (2), and (3) of
- 20 subsection (b);
- 21 (III) in subsection (c)—
- 22 (aa) the matter preceding sub-
- 23 paragraph (A);
- 24 (bb) subparagraphs (D)(i)(II)
- 25 and (F)(iii)(I) of paragraph (1); and

- 1 (cc) subparagraphs (A), (B), and  
2 (C) of paragraph (9);  
3 (IV) subsections (e), (g), and (i)(1);  
4 and  
5 (V) in subsection (k)—  
6 (aa) subparagraphs (A) and (B)  
7 of paragraph (2);  
8 (bb) subparagraphs (A) and  
9 (B)(i) of paragraph (3); and  
10 (cc) subparagraphs (A)(ii) and  
11 (B)(iv)(II) of paragraph (5).
- 12 (xi) In section 17—  
13 (I) subsection (a)(1);  
14 (II) in subsection (b)—  
15 (aa) subparagraphs (A) and  
16 (B)(i) of paragraph (1); and  
17 (bb) subparagraph (2);  
18 (III) subsection (c);  
19 (IV) subparagraphs (A) and (C) of  
20 subsection (d) (2); and  
21 (V) subsections (e), (g), and (h)(2).
- 22 (xii) Subsections (a)(3)(D), (b), (d), and  
23 (e) of section 18.
- 24 (xiii) Subsections (a)(1) and (f) of section  
25 20.

- 1 (xiv) In section 21—
- 2 (I) subsection (a);
- 3 (II) in subsection (b)—
- 4 (aa) in paragraph (2)—
- 5 (AA) clause (i) and (ii) of
- 6 subparagraph (A);
- 7 (BB) subparagraphs (B)
- 8 and (C)(i);
- 9 (CC) clause (ii), and sub-
- 10 clauses (II), (III), and (IV) of
- 11 clause (iii), of subparagraph (F);
- 12 and
- 13 (DD) subsection (G)(i);
- 14 (bb) paragraph (3);
- 15 (cc) in paragraph (4)—
- 16 (AA) subparagraphs (A) and
- 17 (B); and
- 18 (BB) the flush text at the
- 19 end;
- 20 (dd) paragraphs (5) and (7);
- 21 (III) subsection (C)(2)(B);
- 22 (IV) paragraphs (1)(A), (2), and (3)
- 23 of subsection (d); and
- 24 (V) paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-
- 25 section (f).

- 1 (xv) In section 22—
- 2 (I) subsection (a)(1);
- 3 (II) in subsection (b)—
- 4 (aa) paragraph (2);
- 5 (bb) in paragraph (3)—
- 6 (AA) subparagraphs (A) and
- 7 (B)(ii);
- 8 (BB) clauses (ii) and (iii) of
- 9 subparagraph (C);
- 10 (CC) subparagraph (D)(ii);
- 11 and
- 12 (DD) clauses (i), (ii), and
- 13 (iv) of subparagraph (E);
- 14 (ee) paragraph (5);
- 15 (dd) subparagraphs (B) and (C)
- 16 of paragraph (6);
- 17 (ee) subparagraphs (A) and (B)
- 18 of paragraph (7);
- 19 (ff) paragraphs (8) and (9);
- 20 (gg) in paragraph (10)—
- 21 (AA) subparagraph (A)
- 22 (BB) clauses (i) and (ii) of
- 23 subparagraph (B); and
- 24 (CC) subparagraph (C); and

1 (hh) paragraphs (11), (12), and  
2 (13);  
3 (III) in subsection (d)—  
4 (aa) paragraph (1)(B)(i); and  
5 (bb) paragraph (3); and  
6 (IV) subsections (g)1 and (h).  
7 (xvi) Section 23(c).  
8 (xvii) In section 26—  
9 (I) subparagraphs (B) and (C) of sub-  
10 section (c)(4); and  
11 (II) subsection (f)(1).

12 (b) REFERENCES IN OTHER LAWS, DOCUMENT, AND  
13 RECORDS OF THE UNITED STATES.—In any law (exclud-  
14 ing the Food Stamp Act of 1977), regulation, rule, docu-  
15 ment, or record of the United States—

16 (1) a reference to food stamp recipients shall be  
17 deemed to be a reference to recipients of Secure  
18 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program bene-  
19 fits;

20 (2) a reference to food stamp households shall  
21 be deemed to be a reference to households that re-  
22 ceive Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Pro-  
23 gram benefits;

24 (3) a reference to the Simplified Food Stamp  
25 Program shall be deemed to be a reference to the

1 Simplified Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance  
2 Program;

3 (4) a reference to food stamp participants shall  
4 be deemed to be a reference to participants in the  
5 Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;

6 (5) a reference to food stamp informational ac-  
7 tivities shall be deemed to be a reference to informa-  
8 tional activities relating to the Secure Supplemental  
9 Nutrition Assistance Program;

10 (6) a reference to food stamp caseload shall be  
11 deemed to be a reference to caseload under the Se-  
12 cure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;

13 (7) a reference to food stamps shall be deemed  
14 to be a reference to Secure Supplemental Nutrition  
15 Assistance Program benefits; and

16 (8) a reference to the food stamp program shall  
17 be deemed to be a reference to Secure Supplemental  
18 Nutrition Assistance Program.

19 **SEC. 4002. FOOD DISTRIBUTION ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4 of the Food Stamp Act  
21 of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2013) is amended by striking sub-  
22 section (b) and inserting the following:

23 “(b) FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN  
24 RESERVATIONS.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Distribution of commod-  
2           ities, with or without the Secure Supplemental Nu-  
3           trition Assistance Program, shall be made whenever  
4           a request for concurrent or separate food program  
5           operations, respectively, is made by a tribal organi-  
6           zation.

7           “(2) ADMINISTRATION.—

8           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
9           graphs (B) and (C), in the event of distribution  
10          on all or part of an Indian reservation, the ap-  
11          propriate agency of the State government in the  
12          area involved shall be responsible for the dis-  
13          tribution.

14          “(B) ADMINISTRATION BY TRIBAL ORGANI-  
15          ZATION.—If the Secretary determines that a  
16          tribal organization is capable of effectively and  
17          efficiently administering a distribution de-  
18          scribed in subparagraph (A), then the tribal or-  
19          ganization shall administer the distribution.

20          “(C) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary shall  
21          not approve any plan for a distribution de-  
22          scribed in subparagraph (A) that permits any  
23          household on any Indian reservation to partici-  
24          pate simultaneously in the Secure Supplemental

1 Nutrition Assistance Program and the distribu-  
2 tion of federally donated foods.

3 “(3) DISQUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS.—The Sec-  
4 retary shall ensure that an individual who is dis-  
5 qualified from participation in the Food Distribution  
6 Program on Indian Reservations under this sub-  
7 section is not eligible to participate in the Secure  
8 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program under  
9 this Act.

10 “(4) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—The Secretary  
11 is authorized to pay such amounts for administrative  
12 costs of such distribution on Indian reservations as  
13 the Secretary finds necessary for effective adminis-  
14 tration of such distribution by a State agency or  
15 tribal organization.

16 “(5) TRADITIONAL AND LOCAL FOODS.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
18 purchase traditional and locally-grown food,  
19 designated by region, for recipients of food dis-  
20 tributed under this subsection.

21 “(B) NATIVE AMERICAN PRODUCERS.—  
22 For recipients of food distributed under this  
23 subsection, at least 50 percent shall be pro-  
24 duced by Native American farmers, ranchers,  
25 and producers.



1           “(C) DEFINITION OF TRADITIONAL AND  
2           LOCALLY GROWN.—For purposes of this sub-  
3           section, the Secretary, in conjunction with the  
4           Indian Tribal Organizations, shall determine  
5           the definition of the term ‘traditional and lo-  
6           cally-grown’.

7           “(D) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-  
8           TIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated  
9           \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2008  
10          through 2012 to carry out this paragraph.”.

11          (b) FDPIR FOOD PACKAGE.—Not later than 180  
12          days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
13          of Agriculture shall submit to the Committee on Agri-  
14          culture of the House of Representatives and the Com-  
15          mittee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Sen-  
16          ate a report that describes—

17                 (1) how the Secretary derives the process for  
18                 determining the food package under the Food Dis-  
19                 tribution Program on Indian Reservations estab-  
20                 lished under section 4(b) of the Food Stamp Act of  
21                 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2013(b)) (referred to in this sub-  
22                 section as the “food package”);

23                 (2) the extent to which the food package—

24                         (A) conforms (or fails to conform) to the  
25                         2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans pub-

1           lished under section 301 of the National Nutri-  
2           tion Monitoring and Related Research Act of  
3           1990 (7 U.S.C. 5341);

4                   (B) addresses (or fails to address) the nu-  
5           tritional and health challenges that are specific  
6           to Native Americans; and

7                   (C) addresses the nutritional needs of low-  
8           income Native Americans, compared to the Se-  
9           cure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Pro-  
10          gram;

11           (3) any plans of the Secretary to revise and up-  
12          date the food package to conform with the most re-  
13          cent Dietary Guidelines for Americans, including  
14          any costs associated with the planned changes; and

15           (4) if the Secretary does not plan changes to  
16          the food package, the rationale of the Secretary for  
17          retaining the food package.

18   **SEC. 4003. DEOBLIGATE FOOD STAMP COUPONS.**

19           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7 of the Food Stamp Act  
20          of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2016) is amended—

21                   (1) by striking the section designation and  
22          heading and all that follows through “subsection (j))  
23          shall be” and inserting the following:

1 **“SEC. 7. ISSUANCE AND USE OF BENEFITS.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection  
3 (j), EBT cards shall be”.

4 (2) in subsection (b)—

5 (A) by striking “(b) Coupons” and insert-  
6 ing the following:

7 “(b) USE.—Benefits”; and

8 (B) by striking “: *Provided further*” and all  
9 that follows through “denominations issued” ;

10 (3) in subsection (c)—

11 (A) by striking “(c) Coupons” and insert-  
12 ing the following:

13 “(c) DESIGN.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—EBT cards”;

15 (B) in the 1st sentence by striking “and  
16 define their denomination”; and

17 (C) by striking the 2d sentence and insert-  
18 ing the following:

19 “(2) PROHIBITION.—The name of any public  
20 official shall not appear on any EBT card.”;

21 (4) by striking subsection (d);

22 (5) in subsection (e)—

23 (A) by striking “coupons” each place it ap-  
24 pears and inserting “benefits”; and

25 (B) by striking “coupon issuers” each  
26 place it appears and inserting “benefit issuers”;

1 (6) in subsection (f)—

2 (A) by striking “coupons” each place it ap-  
3 pears and inserting “benefits”;

4 (B) by striking “coupon issuer” and insert-  
5 ing “benefit issuer”; and

6 (C) by striking “section 11(e)(20)” and all  
7 that follows through the period and inserting  
8 “section 11(e)(19).”;

9 (7) by amending subsection (g) to read as fol-  
10 lows:

11 “(g) BENEFIT SYSTEM.—

12 “(1) COST.—The cost of documents or systems  
13 that may be required by subsection (i) may not be  
14 imposed upon a retail food store participating in the  
15 Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

16 “(2) DEVALUATION AND TERMINATION OF  
17 ISSUANCE OF PAPER COUPONS.—

18 “(A) COUPON ISSUANCE.—Beginning on  
19 the effective date of this subsection, no State  
20 shall issue any coupon, stamp, certificate, or  
21 authorization card to a household that receives  
22 benefits under this Act.

23 “(B) EBT CARDS.—Beginning 1 year after  
24 the effective date of this subsection, only an

1 EBT card issued under subsection (i) shall be  
2 eligible for exchange at any retail food store.

3 “(C) DE-OBLIGATION OF COUPONS.—Cou-  
4 pons not redeemed in the 1-year period begin-  
5 ning on the effective date of this subsection will  
6 no longer be an obligation of the Federal Gov-  
7 ernment and shall not be redeemable.”.

8 (8) in subsection (h)(1) by striking “coupons”  
9 and inserting “benefits”;

10 (9) in subsection (j)—

11 (A) in paragraph (2)(A)(ii) by striking  
12 “printing, shipping, and redeeming coupons”  
13 and inserting “issuing and redeeming benefits”;  
14 and

15 (B) in paragraph (5) by striking “coupon”  
16 and inserting “benefit”; and

17 (10) in subsection (k)—

18 (A) by striking “coupons in the form of”  
19 each place it appears and inserting “benefits in  
20 the form of”; and

21 (B) by striking “a coupon issued in the  
22 form of” each place it appears and inserting  
23 “benefits in the form of”.

24 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

1           (1) Section 3 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977  
2           (7 U.S.C. 2012) is amended—

3                   (A) in subsection (a) by striking “coupons”  
4                   and inserting “benefits”;

5                   (B) by amending subsection (b) to read as  
6                   follows:

7           “(b) ‘Benefit’ means the value of assistance provided  
8           under this Act to a household by means of an electronic  
9           benefit transfer under section 7(i), or other means of pro-  
10          viding assistance, as determined by the Secretary.”;

11                   (C) in the 1st sentence of subsection (c) by  
12                   striking “authorization cards” and inserting  
13                   “benefits”;

14                   (D) in subsection (d) by striking “or ac-  
15                   cess device” and all that follows through “num-  
16                   ber” ;

17                   (E) in subsection (e)—

18                           (i) by striking “coupon issuer” and in-  
19                           serting “benefit issuer”; and

20                           (ii) by striking “coupons” and insert-  
21                           ing “benefits”;

22                   (F) by after paragraph (f) the following:

23           “(f-1) EBT CARD.—The term ‘EBT card’ means an  
24          electronic benefit transfer card issued under section 7(i).”;

1 (G) in subsection (i)(5)(D) by striking  
2 “coupons” and inserting “benefits”; and

3 (H) in subsection (t) by inserting “includ-  
4 ing point of sale devices,” after “other means of  
5 access”.

6 (2) Section 4(a) of the Food Stamp Act of  
7 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2013(a)) is amended—

8 (A) by striking “coupons” each place it ap-  
9 pears and inserting “benefits”; and

10 (B) by striking “coupons issued” and in-  
11 sserting “benefits issued”.

12 (3) Section 5(i)(2)(E) of the Food Stamp Act  
13 of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2014(i)(2)(E)) is amended by  
14 striking “, as defined in section 3(i) of this Act,”.

15 (4) Section 6(b)(1) of the Food Stamp Act of  
16 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015(b)(1)) is amended—

17 (A) in subparagraph (B) by striking “cou-  
18 pons or authorization cards” and inserting  
19 “benefits”; and

20 (B) by striking “coupons” each place it ap-  
21 pears and inserting “benefits”.

22 (5) Section 7(j)(5) is amended by striking “cou-  
23 pon” and inserting “benefit”.

24 (6) Section 8(b) of the Food Stamp Act of  
25 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2017(b)) is amended by striking “,

1       whether through coupons, access devices, or other-  
2       wise”.

3               (7) Section 9 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977  
4       (7 U.S.C. 2018) is amended—

5               (A) by striking “coupons” each place it ap-  
6       pears and inserting “benefits”; and

7               (B) in subsection (a)—

8                       (i) in paragraph (1) by striking “cou-  
9       pon” and inserting “benefit”; and

10                      (ii) in paragraph (3) by striking “cou-  
11       pons, or to redeem,”.

12               (8) Section 10 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977  
13       (7 U.S.C. 2019) is amended—

14               (A) by striking the section designation and  
15       heading and all that follows through “Regula-  
16       tions” and inserting the following:

17       **“SEC. 10. REDEMPTION OF BENEFITS.**

18       “Regulations”; and

19               (B) by striking “coupons” each place it ap-  
20       pears and inserting “benefits”.

21               (9) Section 11 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977  
22       (7 U.S.C. 2020) is amended—

23               (A) in subsection (e)—

24                       (i) in paragraph (15) by striking  
25       “when using its authorization card in order



1 to receive its coupons” and inserting  
2 “when receiving benefits”; and

3 (ii) in paragraph (19) by striking  
4 “that,” and all that follows through “para-  
5 graph;” and inserting “that eligible house-  
6 holds may be required to present photo-  
7 graphic identification cards in order to re-  
8 ceive their benefits.”;

9 (B) in subsection (h) by striking “coupon  
10 or coupons” and inserting “benefits”;

11 (C) by striking “coupon” each place it ap-  
12 pears and inserting “benefit”; and

13 (D) by striking “coupons” each place it  
14 appears and inserting “benefits”.

15 (10) Section 13 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977  
16 (7 U.S.C. 2022) is amended by striking “coupons”  
17 each place it appears and inserting “benefits”.

18 (11) Section 15 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977  
19 (7 U.S.C. 2024) is amended—

20 (A) in subsection (a) by striking “coupons”  
21 and inserting “benefits”;

22 (B) in subsection (b)(1)—

23 (i) by striking “coupons” each place it  
24 appears and inserting “benefits”;

1 (ii) by striking “coupons or authoriza-  
2 tion cards” and inserting “benefits”; and

3 (iii) by striking “access device” each  
4 place it appears and inserting “benefit”;

5 (C) in subsection (c) by striking “coupons”  
6 each place it appears and inserting “benefits”;

7 (D) in subsection (d) by striking “Cou-  
8 pons” and inserting “Benefits”;

9 (E) in subsections (e) and (f) by striking  
10 “coupon” each place it appears and inserting  
11 “benefit”; and

12 (F) in subsection (g) by striking “coupon,  
13 authorization cards or access devices” and in-  
14 serting “benefits”; and

15 (12) Section 16(a) of the Food Stamp Act of  
16 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2025(a)) is amended by striking  
17 “coupons” each place it appears and inserting “ben-  
18 efits”.

19 (13) Section 17 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977  
20 (7 U.S.C. 2026) is amended—

21 (A) in subsection (a)(2) by striking “cou-  
22 pon” and inserting “benefit”;

23 (B) in subsection (b)(1)—

24 (i) in subparagraph (B)(v)—

1 (I) by striking “countersigned  
2 food coupons or similar”; and

3 (II) by striking “food coupons”  
4 and inserting “EBT cards”; and

5 (ii) in subparagraph (C)(i)(I) by strik-  
6 ing “coupons” and inserting “EBT cards”;  
7 and

8 (C) in subsection (j) by striking “coupon”  
9 and inserting “benefit”.

10 (14) Section 21 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977  
11 (7 U.S.C. 2030) is amended—

12 (A) in subsection (d)(3)—

13 (i) by striking “food coupons” and in-  
14 serting “benefits”; and

15 (ii) by striking “food stamp benefits”  
16 and inserting “benefits”.

17 (15) Section 22 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977  
18 (7 U.S.C. 2031) is amended—

19 (A) by striking “food coupons” each place  
20 it appears and inserting “benefits”;

21 (B) by striking “coupons” each place it ap-  
22 pears and inserting “benefits”; and

23 (C) in subsection (g)(1)(A) by striking  
24 “coupon” and inserting “benefit”.

1           (c) REFERENCES IN OTHER LAWS, DOCUMENTS,  
2 AND RECORDS OF THE UNITED STATES.—In any law (ex-  
3 cluding the Food Stamp Act of 1977), regulation, rule,  
4 document, or record of the United States, a reference to  
5 “coupon”, “authorization card”, or “other access device”  
6 as used in the Food Stamp Act of 1977 as in effect before  
7 the date of the enactment of this Act shall be deemed to  
8 be a reference to “benefit” as defined in such Act as in  
9 effect after the date of the enactment of this Act.

10 **SEC. 4004. ALLOW FOR THE ACCRUAL OF BENEFITS.**

11           Section 7(i) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.  
12 2016(i)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

13                   “(12) RECOVERING ELECTRONIC BENEFITS.—

14                           “(A) A State agency may recover benefits  
15                           from a household’s electronic benefits account  
16                           because of inactivity in the account after the  
17                           household has not accessed the account the  
18                           lesser of—

19                                   “(i) 3 months during which the ac-  
20                                   count has continuously had a balance in  
21                                   excess of \$1,000, adjusted for changes in  
22                                   the thrifty food plan since June 2007; or

23                                   “(ii) 12 months.

24                           “(B) A household whose benefits are recov-  
25                           ered under subparagraph (A) shall receive no-

1           tice and shall have the benefits made available  
2           again upon a request made during a period of  
3           not less than 12 months after the recovery.”.

4 **SEC. 4005. STATE OPTION FOR TELEPHONIC SIGNATURE.**

5           Section 11(e)(2)(C) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977  
6 (7 U.S.C. 2020(e)(2)(C)) is amended—

7           (1) by inserting “(i)” after “(C)”; and

8           (2) by adding at the end the following:

9                   “(ii) A State agency may establish a sys-  
10           tem by which an applicant household may sign  
11           an application through a recorded verbal assent  
12           over the telephone. Any such system shall—

13                           “(I) record for future reference the  
14           household member’s verbal assent and the  
15           information to which assent was given;

16                           “(II) include effective safeguards  
17           against impersonation, identity theft, or in-  
18           vasions of privacy;

19                           “(III) not deny or interfere with the  
20           right of the household to apply in writing;

21                           “(IV) promptly send the household  
22           member a written copy of the application,  
23           with instructions on a simple procedure for  
24           correcting any errors or omissions;

25                           “(V) comply with paragraph (1)(B);

1 “(VI) satisfy all requirements for a  
2 signature on an application under this Act  
3 and other laws applicable to the Secure  
4 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Pro-  
5 gram, with the date on which the house-  
6 hold member provides verbal assent effec-  
7 tive as the date of application for all pur-  
8 poses; and

9 “(VII) comply with such other stand-  
10 ards as the Secretary may establish.”.

11 **SEC. 4006. REVIEW OF MAJOR CHANGES IN PROGRAM DE-**  
12 **SIGN.**

13 (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 11(e)(6) of the Food  
14 Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2020(e)(6)) is amended—

15 (1) in subparagraph (A) by striking “and” at  
16 the end;

17 (2) by amending subparagraph (B) to read as  
18 follows:

19 “(B) only State employees employed in ac-  
20 cordance with the current standards for a Merit  
21 System of Personnel Administration, or any  
22 standards later prescribed by the Office of Per-  
23 sonnel Management pursuant to section 208 of  
24 the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970  
25 (42 U.S.C. 4728) modifying or superseding

1 such standards relating to the establishment  
2 and maintenance of personnel standards on a  
3 merit basis, shall—

4 “(i) represent the State agency in any  
5 official communications with a prospective  
6 applicant, applicant, or recipient household  
7 regarding their application or participa-  
8 tion, except that a nonprofit organization  
9 may assist a household under paragraph  
10 (1);

11 “(ii) participate in making any deter-  
12 minations relating to a household’s sub-  
13 stantive or procedural compliance with the  
14 requirements of this Act or implementing  
15 regulations, including the adequacy of the  
16 household’s application or of verification of  
17 other information the household has sub-  
18 mitted in support of that application; or

19 “(iii) perform any other acts or par-  
20 ticipate in making any other determina-  
21 tions required under this subsection; and

22 “(C) the State agency shall not use any  
23 Federal funds—

24 “(i) to implement, to perform, or to  
25 carry out any contract that does not com-

1                   ply with the requirements in effect under  
2                   subparagraph (B); or

3                   “(ii) to pay any cost associated with  
4                   the termination, breach, or full or partial  
5                   abrogation, of any contract that does not  
6                   comply with the requirements in effect  
7                   under such subparagraph;”.

8           (b) WAIVERS.—Section 17(b)(1)(B)(iv)(III)(ff) of the  
9 Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.  
10 2026(b)(1)(B)(iv)(III)(ff)) is amended by inserting “or  
11 11(e)(6)(B)” before the semicolon at the end.

12           (c) PROJECTS.—Section 26(f)(3)(E) of the Food  
13 Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2035(f)(3)(E)) is amended  
14 by inserting “(6)(B),” after “paragraphs”.

15 **SEC. 4007. GRANTS FOR SIMPLE APPLICATION AND ELIGI-**  
16 **BILITY DETERMINATION SYSTEMS AND IM-**  
17 **PROVED ACCESS TO BENEFITS.**

18           Section 11(t)(1) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7  
19 U.S.C. 2020(t)(1)) is amended by striking “2007” and in-  
20 serting “2012”.

21 **SEC. 4008. CIVIL MONEY PENALTIES AND DISQUALIFICA-**  
22 **TION OF RETAIL FOOD STORES AND WHOLE-**  
23 **SALE FOOD CONCERNS.**

24           Section 12 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.  
25 2021) is amended—



1 (1) by striking the section heading and all that  
2 follows through “(a) Any approved”, and inserting  
3 the following:

4 **“SEC. 12. CIVIL MONEY PENALTIES AND DISQUALIFICATION**  
5 **OF RETAIL FOOD STORES AND WHOLESALE**  
6 **FOOD CONCERNS.**

7 “(a) DISQUALIFICATION.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An approved”;

9 (2) in subsection (a)—

10 (A) in the 1st sentence by striking  
11 “\$10,000 for each violation” and all that fol-  
12 lows through the period at the end, and insert-  
13 ing “\$100,000 for each violation.”; and

14 (B) in the 2d sentence—

15 (i) by striking “Regulations” and in-  
16 sserting the following:

17 “(2) REGULATIONS.—Regulations”;

18 (ii) by striking “violation and” and in-  
19 sserting “violation of”;

20 (iii) by inserting a comma after “dis-  
21 qualification of”; and

22 (iv) by striking “a retail store” and  
23 inserting “and the assessment of a civil  
24 money penalty against, a retail store”;

25 (3) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) by striking “(b) Disqualification” and  
2 all that follows through “shall be—”, and in-  
3 serting the following:

4 “(b) PERIOD OF DISQUALIFICATION.—Subject to  
5 subsection (c), a disqualification shall be—”;

6 (B) in paragraph (1) by striking “of no  
7 less than six months nor more than five years”  
8 and inserting “not to exceed 5 years”;

9 (C) in paragraph (2) by striking “of no  
10 less than twelve months nor more than ten  
11 years” and inserting “not to exceed 10 years.”;

12 (D) in paragraph (3)—

13 (i) in subparagraph (B)—

14 (I) by striking “coupons or traf-  
15 ficking in coupons or authorization  
16 cards” each place it appears, and in-  
17 serting “program access devices or  
18 benefit instruments or trafficking in  
19 program access devices or benefit in-  
20 struments”; and

21 (II) by inserting “or a finding of  
22 the unauthorized redemption, use,  
23 transfer, acquisition, alteration, or  
24 possession of benefits or access de-

1 vices” after “concern” the 1st place it  
2 appears;

3 (4) in paragraph (3)(C) by striking “and” at  
4 the end;

5 (5) in subsection (c)—

6 (A) by striking “(c) The action” and in-  
7 serting the following:

8 “(c) TREATMENT OF DISQUALIFICATION AND PEN-  
9 ALTY DETERMINATIONS.—

10 “(1) REVIEW.—The action”; and

11 (B) by striking “coupons” and inserting  
12 “benefits”;

13 (6) in subsection (d) by striking “coupons” in  
14 each place it appears and inserting “benefits”;

15 (7) in subsection (f) by striking “food coupons”  
16 and inserting “benefits”;

17 (8) by redesignating subsection (c) through (g)  
18 as subsection (d) through (h), respectively;

19 (9) inserting after subsection (b) the following:

20 “(c) In addition to a disqualification under subsection  
21 (b), the Secretary may assess a civil monetary penalty of  
22 up to \$100,000;” and

23 (10) by adding at the end:

24 “(i) The Secretary shall, in consultation with the In-  
25 spector General of the Department of Agriculture, provide

1 for procedures by which the processing of benefit redemp-  
2 tions for certain retail food stores and wholesale food con-  
3 cerns may be immediately suspended pending administra-  
4 tive action to disqualify such a store or concern. Under  
5 the procedures prescribed pursuant to this subsection, if  
6 the Secretary, in consultation with the Inspector General,  
7 determines that a retail food store or wholesale food con-  
8 cern is engaged in flagrant violations of this Act or the  
9 regulations issued pursuant to this Act, unsettled benefits  
10 that have been redeemed by the retail food store or whole-  
11 sale food concern may be suspended and, if the suspension  
12 is upheld, subject to forfeiture pursuant to section 12(g).  
13 If the disqualification action not upheld, suspended funds  
14 held by the Secretary shall be released to such store or  
15 such concern. The Secretary shall not be liable for the  
16 value of any interest on funds suspended under this sub-  
17 section.”.

18 **SEC. 4009. MAJOR SYSTEMS FAILURES.**

19 Section 13(b) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7  
20 U.S.C. 2022(b)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
21 lowing:

22 “(5) OVER ISSUANCES CAUSED BY SYSTEMIC  
23 STATE ERRORS.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary deter-  
25 mines that a State agency over issued benefits

1 to a substantial number of households in a fis-  
2 cal year as a result of a major systemic error  
3 by the State agency, as determined by the Sec-  
4 retary, the Secretary may prohibit the State  
5 agency from collecting these over issuances  
6 from some or all households.

7 “(B) PROCEDURES.—

8 “(i) INFORMATION REPORTING BY  
9 STATES.—Every State agency shall provide  
10 to the Secretary all information requested  
11 by the Secretary concerning the issuance of  
12 benefits to households by the State agency  
13 in the applicable fiscal year.

14 “(ii) FINAL DETERMINATION.—After  
15 reviewing relevant information provided by  
16 a State agency, the Secretary shall make a  
17 final determination—

18 “(I) whether the State agency  
19 over issued benefits to a substantial  
20 number of households as a result of a  
21 systemic error in the applicable fiscal  
22 year; and

23 “(II) as to the amount of the  
24 over issuance in the applicable fiscal

1                   year for which the State agency is lia-  
2                   ble.

3                   “(iii) ESTABLISHING A CLAIM.—Upon  
4                   determining under clause (ii) that a State  
5                   agency has over issued benefits to house-  
6                   holds due to a major systemic error deter-  
7                   mined under subparagraph (A), the Sec-  
8                   retary shall establish a claim against the  
9                   State agency equal to the value of the over  
10                  issuance caused by the systemic error.

11                  “(iv) ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL  
12                  REVIEW.—Administrative and judicial re-  
13                  view, as provided in section 14, shall apply  
14                  to the final determinations by the Sec-  
15                  retary under clause (ii).

16                  “(v) REMISSION TO THE SEC-  
17                  RETARY.—

18                  “(I) DETERMINATION NOT AP-  
19                  PEALED.—If the determination of the  
20                  Secretary under clause (ii) is not ap-  
21                  pealed, the State agency shall, as soon  
22                  as practicable, remit to the Secretary  
23                  the dollar amount specified in the  
24                  claim under clause (iii).

1                   “(II) DETERMINATION AP-  
2                   PEALED.—If the determination of the  
3                   Secretary under clause (ii) is ap-  
4                   pealed, upon completion of adminis-  
5                   trative and judicial review under  
6                   clause (iv), and a finding of liability  
7                   on the part of the State, the appealing  
8                   State agency shall, as soon as prac-  
9                   ticable, remit to the Secretary a dollar  
10                  amount subject to the finding of the  
11                  administrative and judicial review.

12                  “(vi) ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF COL-  
13                  LECTION.—

14                  “(I) IN GENERAL.—If a State  
15                  agency fails to make a payment under  
16                  clause (v) within a reasonable period  
17                  of time, as determined by the Sec-  
18                  retary, the Secretary may reduce any  
19                  amount due to the State agency under  
20                  any other provision of this Act by the  
21                  amount due.

22                  “(II) ACCRUAL OF INTEREST.—  
23                  During the period of time determined  
24                  by the Secretary to be reasonable

1 under subclause (I), interest in the  
2 amount owed shall not accrue.

3 “(vii) LIMITATION.—Any liability  
4 amount established under section  
5 16(c)(1)(C) shall be reduced by the  
6 amount of the claim established under this  
7 subparagraph.”.

8 **SEC. 4010. FUNDING OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PRO-**  
9 **GRAMS.**

10 Section 16(h)(1) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7  
11 U.S.C. 2025(h)(1)) is amended—

12 (1) in subparagraph (A)(vii) by striking “fiscal  
13 years 2002 through 2007” and inserting “fiscal  
14 years 2008 through 2012”; and

15 (2) in subparagraph (E)(i) by striking “fiscal  
16 years 2002 through 2007” and inserting “fiscal  
17 years 2008 through 2012”.

18 **SEC. 4011. REDUCTIONS IN PAYMENTS FOR ADMINISTRA-**  
19 **TIVE COSTS.**

20 Section 16(k)(3) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7  
21 U.S.C. 2025(k)(3)) is amended—

22 (1) in subparagraph (A) by striking “2007”  
23 and inserting “2012”; and

24 (2) in subparagraph (B)(ii) by striking “2007”  
25 and inserting “2012”.



1 **SEC. 4012. CASH PAYMENT PILOT PROJECTS.**

2 Section 17(b)(1)(B)(vi) of the Food Stamp Act of  
3 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2026(b)(1)(B)(vi)) is amended by striking  
4 “2007” and inserting “2012”.

5 **SEC. 4013. FINDINGS OF CONGRESS REGARDING SECURE**  
6 **SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE**  
7 **PROGRAM NUTRITION EDUCATION.**

8 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

9 (1) Nutrition education under the Food Stamp  
10 Act of 1977 plays an essential role in improving the  
11 dietary and physical activity practices of low income  
12 Americans, helping to reduce food insecurity, pre-  
13 vent obesity, and reduce the risks of chronic disease.

14 (2) Expert bodies, such as the Institute of Med-  
15 icine, indicate that dietary and physical activity be-  
16 havior change is more likely to result from the com-  
17 bined application of public health approaches and  
18 education than from individual education alone.

19 (3) State programs are currently implementing  
20 such nutrition education using effective strategies,  
21 including direct education, group activities, and so-  
22 cial marketing.

23 (b) SUPPORT NUTRITION EDUCATION.—The Sec-  
24 retary of Agriculture should support and encourage the  
25 most effective interventions for nutrition education under  
26 the Food Stamp Act of 1977, including public health ap-

1 proaches as well as traditional education, to increase the  
2 likelihood that recipients of Secure Supplemental Nutri-  
3 tion Assistance benefits and those who are potentially eli-  
4 gible for such benefits will choose diets and physical activ-  
5 ity practices consistent with the Dietary Guidelines for  
6 Americans. To promote the most effective implementation  
7 of publicly funded programs, State nutrition education ac-  
8 tivities under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 should be co-  
9 ordinated with other federally funded food assistance and  
10 public health programs and should leverage public/private  
11 partnerships to maximize resources and impact.

12 **SEC. 4014. NUTRITION EDUCATION AND PROMOTION INI-**  
13 **TIATIVE TO ADDRESS OBESITY.**

14 Section 17 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.  
15 2026) is amended by adding at the end the following:

16 “(k) NUTRITION EDUCATION AND PROMOTION INI-  
17 TIATIVE TO ADDRESS OBESITY.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-  
19 lish a demonstration program, to be known as the  
20 ‘Initiative to Address Obesity Among Low-Income  
21 Americans’ (referred to in this subsection as the  
22 ‘Initiative’), to develop and implement solutions to  
23 reduce obesity in the United States.

24 “(A) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall so-  
25 licit and competitively select demonstration pro-

1           posals for strategies to address obesity among  
2           low-income Americans.

3           “(B) EVALUATION.—The effectiveness of  
4           these strategies shall be rigorously evaluated to  
5           assess the impact on overweight and obesity  
6           among low-income persons.

7           “(C) DISSEMINATION.—Evaluation results  
8           shall be shared broadly to inform policy makers,  
9           service providers, other partners, and the public  
10          in order to promote wide use of successful  
11          strategies.

12          “(2) GRANTS.—

13                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the  
14                 Initiative, the Secretary may enter into com-  
15                 petitively awarded contracts or cooperative  
16                 agreements with, or grants to, public or private  
17                 organizations or agencies as defined by the Sec-  
18                 retary, for use in accordance with projects that  
19                 meet the strategy goals of the Initiative.

20                 “(B) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to re-  
21                 ceive a contract, cooperative agreement, or  
22                 grant under this paragraph, an organization  
23                 shall submit to the Secretary an application at  
24                 such time, in such manner, and containing such  
25                 information as the Secretary may require.

1           “(C) SELECTION CRITERIA.—Demonstra-  
2           tion proposals shall be evaluated against pub-  
3           licly disseminated criteria that include—

4                   “(i) identification of a low-income tar-  
5                   get audience that corresponds to individ-  
6                   uals living in households with incomes at  
7                   or below 185 percent of the poverty level;

8                   “(ii) incorporation of a scientifically-  
9                   based strategy that is designed to improve  
10                  diet quality through more healthful food  
11                  purchases, preparation, or consumption;

12                  “(iii) a commitment to a demonstra-  
13                  tion plan that allows for a rigorous out-  
14                  come evaluation, including data collection;  
15                  and

16                  “(iv) other criteria, as determined by  
17                  the Secretary.

18           “(D) USE OF FUNDS.—

19                   “(i) PROHIBITION.—Funds shall not  
20                   be used for projects that limit the use of  
21                   benefits.

22                   “(ii) MONITORING AND EVALUA-  
23                   TION.—The Secretary may use funds pro-  
24                   vided for the Initiative to pay costs associ-

1           ated with monitoring, evaluation, and dis-  
2           semination of the Initiative’s findings.

3           “(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

4           There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
5           this subsection \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal  
6           years 2008 through 2012, except that no new grants  
7           may be made under this subsection after September  
8           30, 2012.”.

9   **SEC. 4015. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10          Section 18(a)(1) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7  
11   U.S.C. 2027(a)(1)) is amended by striking “2003 through  
12   2007” and inserting “2008 through 2012”.

13   **SEC. 4016. CONSOLIDATED BLOCK GRANTS FOR PUERTO**  
14                   **RICO AND AMERICAN SAMOA.**

15          Section 19(a)(2)(A)(ii) of the Food Stamp Act of  
16   1977 (7 U.S.C. 2028(a)(2)(A)(ii)) is amended in subpara-  
17   graph (A)(ii) by striking “2007” and inserting “2012”.

18   **SEC. 4017. STUDY ON COMPARABLE ACCESS TO SECURE**  
19                   **SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE**  
20                   **PROGRAM BENEFITS FOR PUERTO RICO.**

21          Section 19 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.  
22   2028) is amended by adding at the end the following:

23          “(e) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a study of  
24   the feasibility and effects of including the Commonwealth  
25   of Puerto Rico under section 3(m), in lieu of providing

1 the block grant under this section. The study shall in-  
2 clude—

3           “(1) an assessment of the administrative, finan-  
4           cial management, and other changes that would be  
5           required by the Commonwealth to establish a com-  
6           parable Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance  
7           Program;

8           “(2) a discussion of the appropriate program  
9           rules under the other sections of the Act, such as  
10          benefit levels under section 3(o), income eligibility  
11          standards under sections 5 and 6, and deduction lev-  
12          els under section 5(e), for the Commonwealth to es-  
13          tablish a comparable Secure Supplemental Nutrition  
14          Assistance Program;

15          “(3) an estimate of the impact on Federal and  
16          Commonwealth benefit and administrative costs;

17          “(4) an estimate of the impact of the Secure  
18          Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program on hun-  
19          ger and food insecurity among low-income Puerto  
20          Ricans, and

21          “(5) such other findings as the Secretary deems  
22          appropriate.”.

1 **SEC. 4018. REAUTHORIZATION OF COMMUNITY FOOD**  
2 **PROJECT COMPETITIVE GRANTS.**

3 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
4 25 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (U.S.C. 2034) is  
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsections (c), (d), (e)(1), and (f)(1) by  
7 striking “subsection (b)” each place it appears and  
8 inserting “subsection (g)”;

9 (2) by striking subsection (b);

10 (3) by redesignating subsections (c) through (g)  
11 as subsections (b) through (f), respectively; and

12 (4) by inserting after paragraph (f) the fol-  
13 lowing:

14 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
15 is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to make  
16 grants available to assist eligible private nonprofit entities  
17 to establish and carry out community food projects  
18 \$30,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2008 through  
19 2012.”.

20 (b) PREFERENCES FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS.—Sub-  
21 section (c) of section 25 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977  
22 (7 U.S.C. 2034), as so redesignated by subsection (a) of  
23 this section, is amended—

24 (1) in paragraph (3) by striking “or” at the  
25 end;

1           (2) in paragraph (4) by striking the period at  
2           the end and inserting “; or”; and

3           (3) by adding at the end the following:

4           “(5) serve special needs in areas of—

5                   “(A) transportation and processing for ex-  
6                   panding institutional and emergency food serv-  
7                   ice demand for local food;

8                   “(B) retail access to healthy foods in un-  
9                   derserved markets;

10                   “(C) integration of urban and metro-area  
11                   food production in food projects; and

12                   “(D) technical assistance for youth, so-  
13                   cially disadvantaged individuals, and limited re-  
14                   source groups.”

15           (c) MATCHING FUND REQUIREMENTS.—Subsection  
16 (d)(1) of section 25 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7  
17 U.S.C. 2034), as so redesignated by subsection (a) of this  
18 section, is amended by striking “50” and inserting “75”.

19           (d) TERM OF GRANT.—Subsection (e)(2) of section  
20 25of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2034(e)(2)),  
21 as so redesignated by subsection (a) of this section, is  
22 amended by striking “3” and inserting “5”.

23           (e) FUNDING FOR INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS.—Sub-  
24 section (h)(4) of section 25 of the Food Stamp Act of



1 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2034), as so redesignated by subsection  
2 (a) of this section, is amended—

3 (1) by striking “fiscal years 2003 though 2007”  
4 and inserting “fiscal years 2008 through 2012”; and  
5 (2) by striking “200,000” and inserting  
6 “\$500,000”.

## 7 **Subtitle B—Commodity** 8 **Distribution**

### 9 **SEC. 4201. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 Section 204(a)(1) of the Emergency Food Assistance  
11 Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7508(a)(1)) is amended by striking  
12 “\$60,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2003 through  
13 2007” and inserting “ \$100,000,000 for each of the fiscal  
14 years 2008 through 2012”.

### 15 **SEC. 4202. DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS COMMODITIES; SPE-** 16 **CIAL NUTRITION PROJECTS.**

17 Section 1114(a)(2)(A) of the Agriculture and Food  
18 Act of 1981 (7 U.S.C. 1431e(a)(2)(A)) is amended by  
19 striking “2007” and inserting “2012”.

### 20 **SEC. 4203. COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM.**

21 (a) **COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM.**—Section  
22 4 of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973  
23 (7 U.S.C. 612c note) is amended by striking “2007” and  
24 inserting “2012”.

1 (b) COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM.—  
2 Section 5 of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act  
3 (7 U.S.C. 612c note) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a)—

5 (A) in paragraph (1) by striking “fiscal  
6 years 2003 through 2007” and inserting “for  
7 fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year there-  
8 after”; and

9 (B) in paragraph (2)(B)—

10 (i) in the heading by striking in  
11 “2007” and inserting “2012”; and

12 (ii) by striking “2007” and inserting  
13 “2012”;

14 (2) in subsection (d)(2) by inserting “, and for  
15 each fiscal year thereafter,” after “2007”;

16 (3) by amending subsection (g) to read as fol-  
17 lows:

18 “(g) USE OF RESOURCES.—Each local agency shall  
19 use funds made available to the agency to provide assist-  
20 ance under the program to low-income elderly individuals,  
21 women, infants, and children in need for food assistance  
22 in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary may  
23 prescribe.”;

1 (4) in paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (h)  
2 by inserting “elderly individuals,” before “preg-  
3 nant”; and

4 (5) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(m) INCOME ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS.—The Sec-  
6 retary shall establish maximum income eligibility stand-  
7 ards to be used in conjunction with such other risk criteria  
8 as may be appropriate in determining eligibility for the  
9 program. Such income standards shall be the same for all  
10 pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, for in-  
11 fants, for children, and for elderly individuals qualifying  
12 for the program, and shall not exceed the maximum in-  
13 come limit prescribed under section 17(d)(2)(A)(i) of the  
14 Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.  
15 1786(d)(2)(A)(i)).”.

## 16 **Subtitle C—Child Nutrition and** 17 **Related Programs**

### 18 **SEC. 4301. PURCHASE OF FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES** 19 **FOR DISTRIBUTION TO SCHOOLS AND SERV-** 20 **ICE INSTITUTIONS.**

21 Section 10603 of the Farm Security and Rural In-  
22 vestment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 612c–4) is amended by  
23 striking subsection (b) and inserting the following new  
24 subsection:

1           “(b) PURCHASE OF FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETA-  
2 BLES FOR DISTRIBUTION TO SCHOOLS AND SERVICE IN-  
3 STITUTIONS.—

4           “(1) PURCHASE AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of  
5 Agriculture shall purchase fresh fruits and vegeta-  
6 bles for distribution to schools and service institu-  
7 tions in accordance with section 6(a) of the Richard  
8 B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.  
9 1755(a)), using, of the amount specified in sub-  
10 section (a)—

11                   “(A) not less than \$50,000,000 for each of  
12 fiscal years 2008 and 2009; and

13                   “(B) not less than \$75,000,000 for each of  
14 fiscal years 2010 through 2012.

15           “(2) SERVICING AGENCY.—The Secretary of  
16 Agriculture may provide for the Secretary of De-  
17 fense to serve as the servicing agency for the pro-  
18 curement of the fresh fruits and vegetables under  
19 this subsection on the same terms and conditions as  
20 provided in the memorandum of agreement entered  
21 into between the Agricultural Marketing Service, the  
22 Food and Consumer Service, and the Defense Per-  
23 sonnel Support Center during August 1995 (or any  
24 successor memorandum of agreement).”.

1 **SEC. 4302. BUY AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Federal law requires that commodities and  
4 products purchased with Federal funds be, to the ex-  
5 tent practicable, of domestic origin.

6 (2) Federal Buy American statutory require-  
7 ments seek to ensure that purchases made with Fed-  
8 eral funds benefit domestic producers.

9 (3) The Richard B. Russell National School  
10 Lunch Act requires the use of domestic food prod-  
11 ucts for all meals served under the program, includ-  
12 ing foods products purchased with local funds.

13 (b) BUY AMERICAN STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS.—  
14 The Department of Agriculture should undertake training,  
15 guidance, and enforcement of the various current Buy  
16 American statutory requirements and regulations, includ-  
17 ing those of the National School Lunch Act and the DOD  
18 Fresh program.

19 **Subtitle D—Miscellaneous**

20 **SEC. 4401. SENIORS FARMERS' MARKET NUTRITION PRO-**  
21 **GRAM.**

22 (a) AMENDMENT.—Section 4402 of the Farm Secu-  
23 rity and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 3007)  
24 is amended—

25 (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-  
26 lows:

1       “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—

2               “(1) The Secretary of Agriculture shall use  
3       \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through  
4       2012 of the funds available to the Commodity Credit  
5       Corporation to carry out and expand the seniors  
6       farmers’ market nutrition program.

7               “(2) There are authorized to be appropriated  
8       \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2008, \$30,000,000 for  
9       fiscal year 2009, \$45,000,000 for fiscal year 2010,  
10       \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2011, and \$75,000,000  
11       for fiscal year 2012 to carry out and expand the  
12       seniors farmers’ market nutrition program.”;

13               (2) in subsection (b)(1) by inserting “honey,”  
14       after “vegetables,”;

15               (3) by amending subsection (c) to read as fol-  
16       lows:

17       “(c) EXCLUSION OF BENEFITS IN DETERMINING  
18       ELIGIBILITY FOR OTHER PROGRAMS.—The value of any  
19       benefit provided to any eligible seniors farmers’ market  
20       nutrition program recipient under this section shall not  
21       be considered to be income or resources for any purposes  
22       under any Federal, State, or local law.”; and

23               (4) by adding at the end the following:

24       “(d) PROHIBITION ON COLLECTION OF SALES  
25       TAX.—The State shall ensure that no State or local taxes

1 are collected within the State on purchases of food with  
2 coupons distributed under the seniors farmers' market nu-  
3 trition program.

4 “(e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may issue such  
5 regulations as the Secretary considers necessary to carry  
6 out the seniors farmers' market nutrition program.”.

7 **SEC. 4402. CONGRESSIONAL HUNGER CENTER.**

8 Section 4404 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-  
9 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 1621 note) is amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 **“SEC. 4404. BILL EMERSON NATIONAL HUNGER FELLOWS**  
12 **AND MICKEY LELAND INTERNATIONAL HUN-**  
13 **GER FELLOWS.**

14 “(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the  
15 ‘Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellows and Mickey Le-  
16 land International Hunger Fellows Program Act of 2007’.

17 “(b) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds as follows:

18 “(1) There is a critical need for compassionate  
19 individuals who are committed to assisting people  
20 who suffer from hunger to initiate and administer  
21 solutions to the hunger problem.

22 “(2) Bill Emerson, the distinguished late Rep-  
23 resentative from the 8th District of Missouri, dem-  
24 onstrated his commitment to solving the problem of  
25 hunger in a bipartisan manner, his commitment to

1 public service, and his great affection for the institu-  
2 tion and ideals of the Congress of the United States.

3 “(3) George T. (Mickey) Leland, the distin-  
4 guished late Representative from the 18th District  
5 of Texas, demonstrated his compassion for those in  
6 need, his high regard for public service, and his live-  
7 ly exercise of political talents.

8 “(4) The special concern that Mr. Emerson and  
9 Mr. Leland demonstrated during their lives for the  
10 hungry and poor was an inspiration for others to  
11 work toward the goals of equality and justice for all.

12 “(5) These two outstanding leaders maintained  
13 a special bond of friendship regardless of political af-  
14 filiation and worked together to encourage future  
15 leaders to recognize and provide service to others,  
16 and therefore it is especially appropriate to honor  
17 the memory of Mr. Emerson and Mr. Leland by cre-  
18 ating a fellowship program to develop and train the  
19 future leaders of the United States to pursue careers  
20 in humanitarian service.

21 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 “(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term ‘Adminis-  
23 trator’ means—

24 “(A) if the Secretary of Agriculture enters  
25 into a contract described in subsection (d)(3),



1 the head of the Congressional Hunger Center;

2 or

3 “(B) if the Secretary does not enter into  
4 such a contract, the Secretary.

5 “(2) FELLOW.—The term ‘fellow’ means—

6 “(A) a Bill Emerson Hunger Fellow; or

7 “(B) a Mickey Leland Hunger Fellow

8 “(3) FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS.—The term ‘Fel-  
9 lowship Programs’ means the Bill Emerson National  
10 Hunger Fellowship Program and the Mickey Leland  
11 International Hunger Fellowship Program estab-  
12 lished by subsection (d).

13 “(d) FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.—There is established  
14 in the Department of Agriculture the Bill Emerson Na-  
15 tional Hunger Fellowship Program and the Mickey Leland  
16 International Hunger Fellowship Program.

17 “(1) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Fellow-  
18 ship Programs are—

19 “(A) to encourage future leaders of the  
20 United States to pursue careers in humani-  
21 tarian and public service, to recognize the needs  
22 of low-income people and hungry people, and to  
23 provide assistance to people in need; and

24 “(B) to seek public policy solutions to the  
25 challenges of hunger and poverty, to provide

1 training and development opportunities for such  
2 leaders through placement in programs oper-  
3 ated by appropriate organizations or entities.

4 “(2) FOCUS OF PROGRAMS.—

5 “(A) FOCUS OF BILL EMERSON HUNGER  
6 FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.—The Bill Emerson  
7 Hunger Fellowship Program shall address hun-  
8 ger and poverty in the United States.

9 “(B) FOCUS OF MICKEY LELAND HUNGER  
10 FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.—The Mickey Leland  
11 Hunger Fellowship Program shall address  
12 international hunger and other humanitarian  
13 needs.

14 “(3) ADMINISTRATION.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
16 graph (B), the Secretary shall offer to enter  
17 into a contract with the Congressional Hunger  
18 Center to administer the Fellowship Programs.

19 “(B) REQUIREMENT.—As a condition of a  
20 contract described in subparagraph (A), the  
21 Congressional Hunger Center shall agree to  
22 submit to Congress each year the results of an  
23 independent financial audit that demonstrates  
24 that the Congressional Hunger Center uses ac-  
25 counting procedures that conform to generally

1           accepted accounting principles and auditing  
2           procedures that conform to chapter 75 of title  
3           31, United States Code (commonly known as  
4           the ‘Single Audit Act of 1984’).

5           “(e) FELLOWSHIPS.—

6                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall  
7           make available Bill Emerson Hunger Fellowships  
8           and Mickey Leland Hunger Fellowships in accord-  
9           ance with this subsection.

10           “(2) CURRICULUM.—

11                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The fellowship pro-  
12           grams shall provide experience and training to  
13           develop the skills necessary to train fellows to  
14           carry out the purposes described in subsection  
15           (d)(1), including—

16                 “(i) training in direct service pro-  
17           grams for the hungry and other anti-hun-  
18           ger programs in conjunction with commu-  
19           nity-based organizations through a pro-  
20           gram of field placement; and

21                 “(ii) providing experience in policy de-  
22           velopment through placement in a govern-  
23           mental entity or nongovernmental, non-  
24           profit, or private sector organization.

1           “(B) WORK PLAN.—To carry out subpara-  
2 graph (A) and assist in the evaluation of the  
3 fellowships under paragraph (6), the Adminis-  
4 trator shall, for each fellow, approve a work  
5 plan that identifies the target objectives for the  
6 fellow in the fellowship, including specific duties  
7 and responsibilities relating to those objectives.

8           “(3) PERIOD OF FELLOWSHIP.—

9           “(A) EMERSON FELLOW.—A Bill Emerson  
10 Hunger Fellowship awarded under this sub-  
11 section shall be for not more than 15 months.

12           “(B) LELAND FELLOW.—A Mickey Leland  
13 Hunger Fellowship awarded under this sub-  
14 section shall be for not more than 2 years.

15           “(4) SELECTION OF FELLOWS.—

16           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Fellowships shall be  
17 awarded pursuant to a nationwide competition  
18 established by the Administrator.

19           “(B) QUALIFICATIONS.—A successful pro-  
20 gram applicant shall be an individual who has  
21 demonstrated—

22           “(i) an intent to pursue a career in  
23 humanitarian service and outstanding po-  
24 tential for such a career;

1 “(ii) leadership potential or actual  
2 leadership experience;

3 “(iii) diverse life experience;

4 “(iv) proficient writing and speaking  
5 skills;

6 “(v) an ability to live in poor or di-  
7 verse communities; and

8 “(vi) such other attributes as are con-  
9 sidered to be appropriate by the Adminis-  
10 trator.

11 “(5) AMOUNT OF AWARD.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A fellow shall receive  
13 a living allowance during the term of the Fel-  
14 lowship and, subject to subparagraph (B), an  
15 end-of-service award.

16 “(B) REQUIREMENT FOR SUCCESSFUL  
17 COMPLETION OF FELLOWSHIP.—Each fellow  
18 shall be entitled to receive an end-of-service  
19 award at an appropriate rate for each month of  
20 satisfactory service completed, as determined by  
21 the Administrator.

22 “(C) TERMS OF FELLOWSHIP.—A fellow  
23 shall not be considered an employee of—

24 “(i) the Department of Agriculture;

1                   “(ii) the Congressional Hunger Cen-  
2                   ter; or

3                   “(iii) a host agency in the field or pol-  
4                   icy placement of the fellow.

5                   “(D) RECOGNITION OF FELLOWSHIP  
6                   AWARD.—

7                   “(i) EMERSON FELLOW.—An indi-  
8                   vidual awarded a fellowship from the Bill  
9                   Emerson Hunger Fellowship shall be  
10                  known as an ‘Emerson Fellow’.

11                  “(ii) LELAND FELLOW.—An indi-  
12                  vidual awarded a fellowship from the Mick-  
13                  ey Leland Hunger Fellowship shall be  
14                  known as a ‘Leland Fellow’.

15                  “(6) EVALUATION.—The Administrator shall  
16                  conduct periodic evaluations of the Fellowship Pro-  
17                  grams.

18                  “(f) AUTHORITY.—

19                  “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
20                  in carrying out this section, the Administrator may  
21                  solicit, accept, use, and dispose of gifts, bequests, or  
22                  devises of services or property, both real and per-  
23                  sonal, for the purpose of facilitating the work of the  
24                  Fellowship Programs.

1           “(2) LIMITATION.—Gifts, bequests, or devises  
2 of money and proceeds from sales of other property  
3 received as gifts, bequests, or devises shall be used  
4 exclusively for the purposes of the Fellowship Pro-  
5 grams.

6           “(g) REPORT.—Each year, the Administrator shall  
7 submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of  
8 Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutri-  
9 tion, and Forestry of the Senate a report that describes  
10 the activities and expenditures of the Fellowship Programs  
11 during the preceding fiscal year.

12           “(h) FUNDING.—There is authorized to be appro-  
13 priated to the Secretary to carry out this section  
14 \$3,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2008 through  
15 2012.”.

16 **SEC. 4403. JOINT NUTRITION MONITORING AND RELATED**  
17 **RESEARCH ACTIVITIES.**

18           Subtitle D of title IV of the Farm Security and Rural  
19 Investment Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–171; 116 Stat.  
20 333) is amended—

21           (1) by redesignating section 4405 (2 U.S.C.  
22 1161 note; Public Law 107–171) as section 4406;  
23 and

24           (2) by inserting after section 4404 the fol-  
25 lowing:

1 **“SEC. 4405. JOINT NUTRITION MONITORING AND RELATED**  
2 **RESEARCH ACTIVITIES.**

3 “The Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of  
4 Health and Human Services shall continue to provide  
5 jointly for national nutrition monitoring and related re-  
6 search activities carried out as of the date of enactment  
7 of this section—

8 “(1) to collect continuous dietary, health, phys-  
9 ical activity, and diet and health knowledge data on  
10 a nationally representative sample;

11 “(2) to periodically collect data on special at-  
12 risk populations, as identified by the Secretaries;

13 “(3) to distribute information on health, nutri-  
14 tion, the environment, and physical activity to the  
15 public in a timely fashion;

16 “(4) to analyze new data that becomes avail-  
17 able;

18 “(5) to continuously update food composition  
19 tables; and

20 “(6) to research and develop data collection  
21 methods and standards.”.