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H. R. 4855

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to provide an incentive for households participating in the supplemental nutrition assistance program to purchase certain nutritious fruits and vegetables that are beneficial to good health.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. POCAN, Ms. DeLAURO, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. MOORE, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. POLIS, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. COHEN, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. SOTO, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. SHEAPORTER, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, and Mr. LAWSON of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “SNAP Healthy Incen-
3 tives Act of 2018”.

4 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

5 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 3 of the Food and Nutri-
6 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (k) by inserting “, unless the
8 context specifies otherwise,” after “means”;

9 (2) by redesignating subsections (u) and (v) as
10 subsections (v) and (w), respectively; and

11 (3) by inserting after subsection (t) the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(u) ‘Supplemental fruits and vegetables’ means
14 those fruits and vegetables containing nutrients that pro-
15 mote the health of the population served by the supple-
16 mental nutrition assistance program, as determined by the
17 Secretary by rule.”.

18 (b) INCREASE IN VALUE OF ALLOTMENT.—Section
19 8 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2017)
20 is amended by adding at the end the following:

21 “(g) INCREASE IN VALUE OF ALLOTMENT.—The
22 value of an allotment, determined under this section with-
23 out regard to this subsection and issued to a household
24 for a month, shall be increased by 30 percent of the cost
25 of supplemental fruits and vegetables purchased by such
26 household during such month, but not to exceed an aggre-

1 gate monthly amount determined by the Secretary on the
2 basis of household size.”.

3 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
5 take effect on October 1, 2018.

