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H. R. 1398

To amend the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, to limit the conditions applicable to the use of electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards to purchase food, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 18, 2025

Mr. ROUZER (for himself, Mr. BACON, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, and Mr. ALFORD) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Securing Strictly
5 Needy Americans’ Pivotal (SNAP) Benefits Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS**
2 **ACT, 2023.**

3 Section 501 of title IV of division HH of the Consoli-
4 dated Appropriations Act, 2023, is amended by adding at
5 the end the following:

6 “(f) **EXCLUSIVELY OUT-OF-STATE PURCHASES.—**
7 The State agency shall suspend the accounts of households
8 for which EBT card transactions are made exclusively out-
9 of-State for a period longer than 60 days, until—

10 “(1) the household affirmatively provides sub-
11 stantiating evidence that the members of the house-
12 hold who are program participants still reside in the
13 state from which they receive benefits; or

14 “(2) an investigation is conducted and conclu-
15 sively determines that the members of the household
16 who are program participants still reside in the state
17 from which they receive benefits.”.

18 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON REDEMPTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL**
19 **NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS**
20 **BY OWNERS OF APPROVED RETAIL FOOD**
21 **STORES AND WHOLESALE FOOD CONCERNS.**

22 Section 9 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
23 U.S.C. 2020) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
24 lowing:

25 “(k) **LIMITATION ON REDEMPTION OF SUPPLE-**
26 **MENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS BY**

1 HOUSEHOLDS THAT INCLUDE MEMBERS WHO ARE OWN-
2 ERS OF APPROVED RETAIL FOOD STORES OR WHOLE-
3 SALE FOOD CONCERNS.—

4 “(1) A household that includes a member who
5 is an owner of an approved retail food store or
6 wholesale food concern may not redeem supple-
7 mental nutrition assistance program benefits at such
8 store or such concern.

9 “(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect
10 to a retail food store, or a wholesale food concern,
11 that is owned by a publicly owned corporation or by
12 a government.”.

13 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

14 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
15 take effect 1 year after the date of the enactment of this
16 Act.

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