

#### 115TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

# S. 2085

To amend the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 to streamline application processes and reduce the administrative burden for the commodity supplemental food program, and for other purposes.

### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 7, 2017

Mr. Casey (for himself and Ms. Collins) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

## 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 "Nourishing Our Golden
  - 5 Years Act".

#### SEC. 2. COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM CER-2 TIFICATION. 3 Section 5(g) of the Agriculture and Consumer Protec-4 tion Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note) is amended— (1) by striking "Except" and inserting the fol-5 6 lowing: 7 "(1) IN GENERAL.—Except"; and 8 (2) by adding at the end the following: "(2) Certification.— 9 "(A) DEFINITION OF CERTIFICATION PE-10 11 RIOD.—In this paragraph, the term 'certifi-12 cation period' means the period that a partici-13 pant in the commodity supplemental food pro-14 gram may continue to receive benefits under 15 that program without a formal review of the eli-16 gibility of the participant. 17 "(B) MINIMUM CERTIFICATION PERIOD.— 18 Subject to subparagraph (C), a State shall es-19 tablish a certification period of not less than 1 20 year. 21 "(C) Extensions.—On the request of a 22 State, the Secretary shall approve a State cer-23 tification period of more than 1 year on the 24 condition that, on an annual basis, the local 25 agency in the State administering the com-

modity supplemental food program—

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1	"(i) verifies the address and continued
2	interest of each participant in receiving
3	program benefits; and
4	"(ii) has sufficient reason to deter-
5	mine that the participant still meets the
6	income eligibility standards, which may in-
7	clude a determination that the participant
8	has a fixed income.".

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