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114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to reduce waste, fraud,
and abuse in the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. POLIQUIN (for himself and ____) introduced the following bill; which was
referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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waste, fraud, and abuse in the supplemental nutrition
assistance program.

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 “Food Stamp Integrity
5 Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY DISQUALIFICATIONS.**

2 (a) PERMANENT DISQUALIFICATION FOR MIS-
3 CONDUCT.—Section 6(b)(1) of the Food and Nutrition Act
4 of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(b)(1)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “program—” and inserting
6 “program permanently upon—”,

7 (2) by striking clauses (i) and (ii),

8 (3) in clause (iii)—

9 (A) in subclause (I) by striking “(I) the
10 third” and inserting the following:

11 “(A) the first”,

12 (B) in subclause (II) by striking “(II) the
13 second” and inserting the following:

14 “(B) the first”,

15 (C) in subclause (III) by striking “(III)
16 the first” and inserting the following:

17 “(C) the first”,

18 (D) in subclause (IV) by striking “(IV) a
19 conviction” and inserting the following:

20 “(D) a conviction”, and

21 (E) by striking “(iii) permanently upon—
22 ”.

23 (b) DISQUALIFICATION FOR CERTAIN CONVICTED
24 FELONS.—Section 6(r)(1)(A) of the Food and Nutrition
25 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(r)(1)(A)) is amended—

26 (1) in clause (iv) by striking “or” at the end,

1 (2) in clause (v) by striking “and” at the end,
2 and

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

4 “(vi) an offense under chapter 113B
5 of title 18 of the United States Code; or

6 “(vii) defrauding the Federal Govern-
7 ment, a State, or a unit of local govern-
8 ment; and”.

9 (c) MANDATORY DISQUALIFICATION FOR CHILD SUP-
10 PORT ARREARS.—Section 6(n)(1) of the Food and Nutri-
11 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(n)(1)) is amended by
12 striking “At the option of a State agency, no” and insert-
13 ing “No”.

14 (d) WORK REQUIREMENT; ELIMINATION OF WAIVER
15 OF WORK REQUIREMENT AND OF 15-PERCENT EXEMP-
16 TION.—Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of
17 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(o)) is amended—

18 (1) in paragraph (2) by striking “36-month”
19 and inserting “48-month”,

20 (2) by striking paragraph (4),

21 (3) in paragraph (5) by striking “36-month”
22 and inserting “48-month”,

23 (4) by striking paragraph (6), and

24 (5) by redesignating paragraphs (5) and (7) as
25 paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively.

1 (e) PERMANENT DISQUALIFICATION FOR OBTAINING
2 CASH BY DESTROYING FOOD AND COLLECTING DEPOS-
3 ITS.—Section 6(p) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
4 (7 U.S.C. 2015(p)) is amended by striking “for such pe-
5 riod of time as the Secretary shall prescribe by regulation”
6 and inserting “permanently”.

7 (f) PERMANENT DISQUALIFICATION FOR SALE OF
8 FOOD PURCHASED WITH SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION
9 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS.—Section 6(q) of the
10 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(q)) is
11 amended by striking “for such period of time as the Sec-
12 retary shall prescribe by regulation” and inserting “per-
13 manently”.

14 **SEC. 3. EXCESSIVE LOSS OF EBT CARDS.**

15 Section 6 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
16 U.S.C. 2015) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(t) EXCESSIVE LOSS OF EBT CARDS.—At the op-
19 tion of the State agency—

20 “(1) if the household requests a 3d EBT card
21 to replace the 2d of 2 EBT cards issued to the
22 household in the 1-year period ending on the date of
23 such request, the State agency may require the head
24 of the household to appear in person for an inter-

1 view before any additional EBT card is issued to the
2 household; and

3 “(2) the participation of a household in the
4 supplemental nutrition assistance program may be
5 terminated for 1 year if the household requests a
6 5th EBT card to replace the last of 4 EBT cards
7 issued to such households in the 1-year period end-
8 ing on the date of such request.”.

9 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.**

10 (a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as provided in sub-
11 section (b), this Act and the amendments made by this
12 Act shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this
13 Act.

14 (b) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—

15 (1) The amendments made by this Act shall not
16 apply with respect to conduct that occurs before the
17 date of the enactment of this Act.

18 (2) The amendments made by this Act shall not
19 apply with respect to certification periods that begin
20 before the date of the enactment of this Act.

21 (3) The amendment made by section 4 shall not
22 apply with respect to EBT cards issued before the
23 date of the enactment of this Act.