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# H. R. 1887

To amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to identify and curtail fraud in the food stamp program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 1993

Mr. EWING (for himself, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. EMERSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## 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 “Food Stamp Anti-  
5 Fraud Act of 1993”.

1 TITLE I—RETAIL FOOD STORES AND  
2 WHOLESALE FOOD CONCERNS

3 **SEC. 101. USE OF APPLICATION INFORMATION.**

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

6 (1) by designating the first sentence as para-  
7 graph (1);

8 (2) by designating the second and third sen-  
9 tences as subparagraphs (A) and (C), respectively,  
10 of paragraph (2); and

11 (3) in paragraph (2)—

12 (A) in subparagraph (A) (as so des-  
13 ignated), by inserting before the period at the  
14 end the following: “or officers or employees of  
15 Federal or State law enforcement or investiga-  
16 tive agencies for purposes of administering or  
17 enforcing the provisions of this Act or any other  
18 Federal or State law and the regulations issued  
19 under this Act or such law”;

20 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (A)  
21 (as so designated) the following new subpara-  
22 graph:

23 “(B) An officer or employee described in subpara-  
24 graph (A) who publishes, divulges, discloses, or makes  
25 known in any manner or to any extent not authorized by

1 law any information obtained under the authority granted  
2 by this subsection shall be subject to section 1905 of title  
3 18, United States Code.”; and

4 (C) in subparagraph (C) (as so des-  
5 ignated), by striking “Such purposes” and in-  
6 serting “The purposes referred to in subpara-  
7 graph (A)”.

8 **SEC. 102. PENALTIES FOR TRAFFICKING IN FOOD STAMPS.**

9 Section 12(b)(3)(B) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977  
10 (7 U.S.C. 2021(b)(3)(B)) is amended by striking “(except  
11 that the amount of civil money penalties imposed during  
12 a two-year period may not exceed \$40,000)”.

13 **SEC. 103. PENALTIES FOR STORES FOR TRADING FIRE-**  
14 **ARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES, OR CON-**  
15 **TROLLED SUBSTANCES FOR FOOD STAMPS.**

16 Section 12(b)(3)(C) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977  
17 (7 U.S.C. 2021(b)(3)(C)) is amended by striking “(except  
18 that the amount of civil money penalties imposed during  
19 a two-year period may not exceed \$40,000)”.

1 TITLE II—MISCELLANEOUS  
2 **SEC. 201. PERMANENT DISQUALIFICATION OF RECIPIENTS**  
3 **FOR TRADING FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EX-**  
4 **PLOSIVES, OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**  
5 **FOR FOOD STAMPS.**

6 Section 6(b)(1) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7  
7 U.S.C. 2015(b)(1)) is amended by striking clause (iii) and  
8 inserting the following new clause:

9 “(iii) permanently upon—  
10 “(I) the third occasion of any  
11 such determination (except as pro-  
12 vided in subclause (II)); or  
13 “(II) the first occasion of a find-  
14 ing of the trading of firearms, ammu-  
15 nition, explosives, or controlled sub-  
16 stances (as the term is defined in sec-  
17 tion 802 of title 21, United States  
18 Code) for coupons.”.

19 **SEC. 202. EFFECTIVE DATES.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection  
21 (b), the amendments made by this Act shall become effec-  
22 tive and implemented not later than one hundred and  
23 twenty days after the date of issuance of final regulations  
24 by the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out the amend-  
25 ments.

1       (b) EXCEPTIONS.—The amendments made by sec-  
2 tions 102 and 103 shall become effective on the date of  
3 enactment of this Act.

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