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# H. R. 4923

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARCA of Wisconsin 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 shall be known as the “Dairy Equity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EQUALIZATION OF MINIMUM PRICE ADJUSTMENT**  
2 **FOR CLASS I MILK FOR ALL MARKETING**  
3 **AREAS.**

4 (a) USE OF SAME PRICE.—Section 8c(5)(A) of the  
5 Agricultural Adjustment Act (7 U.S.C. 608c(5)(A)), reen-  
6 acted with amendments by the Agricultural Marketing  
7 Agreement Act of 1937, is amended—

8 (1) in the third sentence—

9 (A) by striking “Throughout” and all that  
10 follows through “order involved), the” and in-  
11 serting “The”; and

12 (B) by striking “on the date” and all that  
13 follows through the end of the table in that sen-  
14 tence and inserting “shall be the same for each  
15 marketing area subject to an order and shall be  
16 \$1.80 per hundredweight of milk having 3.5  
17 percent milkfat, with a transportation sur-  
18 charge determined by the Secretary to com-  
19 pensate handlers for the actual cost of moving  
20 milk within and between orders.”; and

21 (2) by striking the fourth sentence.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
23 this section shall take effect on the first day of the first  
24 month beginning more than 120 days after the date of  
25 the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 3. STUDY OF SOLIDS CONTENT OF BEVERAGE MILK.**

2 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that current standards  
3 for milk solids not fat contained in class I milk for fluid  
4 use produced in geographic areas covered by milk market-  
5 ing orders issued pursuant to section 8c of the Agricul-  
6 tural Adjustment Act (7 U.S.C. 608c), reenacted with  
7 amendments by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement  
8 Act of 1937, are below the average levels of milk solids  
9 not fat contained in unprocessed fluid milk that is pro-  
10 duced on farms of producers.

11 (b) STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of  
12 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture  
13 shall—

14 (1) study the desirability and effects of fortify-  
15 ing class I fluid milk described in subsection (a)  
16 with additional nonfat solids, including consumer ac-  
17 ceptance of fortifying the milk; and

18 (2) report the results of the study to the Com-  
19 mittee on Agriculture of the House of Representa-  
20 tives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,  
21 and Forestry of the Senate.

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