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H. R. 4904

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to provide an incentive for households participating in the supplemental nutrition assistance program to purchase certain nutritious fruits and vegetables that are beneficial to good health.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 19, 2014

Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. NADLER, Mr. PASTOR of Arizona, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. TONKO, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. TAKANO) 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 “Vegetables Are Really
5 Important Eating Tools for You (VARIETY) Act of
6 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

2 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 3 of the Food and Nutri-
3 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (k) by inserting “, unless the
5 context specifies otherwise,” after “means”;

6 (2) redesignating subsections (u) and (v) as
7 subsections (v) and (w), respectively; and

8 (3) by inserting after subsection (t) the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(u) ‘Supplemental fruits and vegetables’ means
11 those fruits and vegetables containing nutrients that pro-
12 mote the health of the population served by the supple-
13 mental nutrition assistance program, as determined by the
14 Secretary by rule.”.

15 (b) INCREASE IN VALUE OF ALLOTMENT.—Section
16 8 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2017)
17 is amended by adding at the end the following:

18 “(m) The value of an allotment, determined under
19 this section without regard to this subsection and issued
20 to a household for a month, shall be increased by 30 per-
21 cent of the cost of supplemental fruits and vegetables pur-
22 chased by such household during such month, but not to
23 exceed an aggregate monthly amount determined by the
24 Secretary on the basis of household size.”.

1 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall

3 take effect on October 1, 2014.

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