

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2331

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to prohibit the use of benefits to purchase marijuana products, to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to prohibit assistance provided under the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families from being accessed through the use of an electronic benefit transfer card at any store that offers marijuana for sale, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 14, 2015

Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. BABIN, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, Mr. BUCK, Mr. COOK, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. BENISHEK, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. HUELSKAMP, Mr. JONES, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. PITTENGER, Mr. PITTS, Mr. POLIQUIN, Mr. SALMON, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. YOHIO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to prohibit the use of benefits to purchase marijuana products, to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to prohibit assistance provided under the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families from being accessed through the use of an elec-

tronic benefit transfer card at any store that offers marijuana for sale, and for other purposes.

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 “No Welfare for Weed
 5 Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO FOOD AND NUTRITION ACT OF**
 7 **2008.**

8 Section 3(k) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
 9 (7 U.S.C. 2012(k)) is amended by inserting “, marijuana
 10 products,” after “tobacco,”.

11 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON USE OF ELECTRONIC BENEFIT**
 12 **TRANSFER CARD TO ACCESS TANF ASSIST-**
 13 **ANCE AT ANY STORE THAT OFFERS MARI-**
 14 **JUANA FOR SALE.**

15 (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 408(a)(12)(A) of the So-
 16 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 608(a)(12)(A)) is amended—

17 (1) by striking “or” at the end of clause (ii);

18 (2) by striking the period at the end of clause

19 (iii) and inserting “; or”; and

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

21 “(iv) any establishment that offers
 22 marihuana (as defined in section 102(16)
 23 of the Controlled Substances Act) for
 24 sale.”.

1 (b) PENALTY.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 409(a)(16) of such
3 Act (42 U.S.C. 609(a)(16)) is amended by adding at
4 the end the following:

5 “(D) PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF CLAUSE
6 (IV) OF SECTION 408(a)(12)(A).—If, within 2
7 years after the date of the enactment of this
8 subparagraph, a State has not reported to the
9 Secretary on the implementation by the State of
10 the policies and practices required by section
11 408(a)(12)(A)(iv), or the Secretary determines,
12 based on information provided in State reports,
13 that a State has not implemented and main-
14 tained the policies and practices, the Secretary
15 shall reduce, by an amount equal to 5 percent
16 of the State family assistance grant, the grant
17 payable to the State under section 403(a)(1)
18 for—

19 “(i) the fiscal year immediately suc-
20 ceeding the fiscal year in which the 2-year
21 period ends; and

22 “(ii) each succeeding fiscal year in
23 which the State does not demonstrate that
24 the State has implemented and maintained
25 the policies and practices.”.

1 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section
2 409(a)(16) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 609(a)(16)) is
3 amended—

4 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
5 “(except for the policies and practices required
6 by section 408(a)(12)(A)(iv))” after “section
7 408(a)(12)”;

8 (B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “or
9 (D)” after “(A)”; and

10 (C) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “or
11 (D)” after “(A)”.

12 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

13 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
14 take effect 2 years after the date of the enactment of this
15 Act.

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