

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4849

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to reform the work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents; and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 23, 2016

Mr. CHABOT 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 “Food and Nutrition
5 Reform, Responsibility, and Accountability Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. ENHANCED WORK REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN**
7 **ADULTS.**

8 Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
9 (7 U.S.C. 2015) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (2) by striking “3 months
2 (consecutive or otherwise)” and inserting “1
3 month”, and

4 (2) in paragraph (6)(A)(ii)(IV) by striking “3
5 months” and inserting “1 month”.

6 **SEC. 3. AGE MODIFICATION OF EXEMPTION FROM WORK**
7 **REQUIREMENT.**

8 Section 6(o)(3)(A) of the Food and Nutrition Act of
9 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(o)(3)(A)) is amended to read as fol-
10 lows:

11 “(A)(i) is less than 18 years of age;

12 “(ii) is more than 50 years of age in a
13 household that includes an individual less than
14 18 years of age; or

15 “(iii) is more than 63 years of age;”.

16 **SEC. 4. TERMINATION OF STATE WAIVER AUTHORITY.**

17 Section 6(o)(4) of the Food and Nutrition Act of
18 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(o)(4)) is amended by adding at the
19 end the following:

20 “(C) **TERMINATION.**—Subparagraph (A)
21 shall not apply with respect to any fiscal year
22 that begins after the effective date of this sub-
23 paragraph.”.

1 **SEC. 5. REDUCTION IN STATE EXEMPTION AUTHORITY.**

2 Section 6(o)(6) of the Food and Nutrition Act of
3 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(o)(6)) is amended—

4 (1) in the heading by striking “15-PERCENT”
5 and inserting “5-PERCENT”, and

6 (2) in subparagraph (D) by striking “15 per-
7 cent” and inserting “5 percent”.

8 **SEC. 6. EXPUNGEMENT OF UNUSED SUPPLEMENTAL NU-**
9 **TRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS.**

10 Section 11 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
11 (7 U.S.C. 2020), as amended by section 4015, is amended
12 by adding at the end the following:

13 “(w) EXPUNGEMENT OF UNUSED BENEFITS.—The
14 State agency shall expunge from the EBT account of a
15 household benefits that are not used before the expiration
16 of the 90-day period beginning on the date such benefits
17 are posted to such account.”.

18 **SEC. 7. EXPUNGEMENT OF DORMANT SUPPLEMENTAL NU-**
19 **TRITION ASSISTANCE ACCOUNTS.**

20 Section 11 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
21 (7 U.S.C. 2020), as amended by section 4015, is amended
22 by adding at the end the following:

23 “(w) EXPUNGEMENT OF BENEFITS IN DORMANT
24 EBT ACCOUNT.—The State agency shall expunge from an
25 EBT account that has not been accessed for a 3-month

1 period all of the benefits that are posted to such account
2 during such period.”.

3 **SEC. 8. STATE WORKFARE PROGRAM REQUIREMENT FOR**
4 **PARTICIPATION IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL NU-**
5 **TRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

6 Section 20(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
7 (7 U.S.C. 2029(a)) is amended by inserting “for not less
8 than 6 hours per week” after “perform work,” the second
9 place it appears.

10 **SEC. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

11 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
12 take effect on the first day of the first month that begins
13 more than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this
14 Act.

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