

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1796

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 16, 2015

Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. WARREN, and Mrs. MURRAY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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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 “Wise Investment in
5 our Children Act of 2015” or the “WIC Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE SPE-**
2 **CIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM**
3 **FOR WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN.**

4 Section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42
5 U.S.C. 1786) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (b), by striking paragraph (2)
7 and inserting the following:

8 “(2) ‘Children’ means persons who have had
9 their first birthday but have not yet attained their
10 fifth birthday, except in a case in which a State
11 agency determines that the waiver of that age limit
12 is necessary to accommodate—

13 “(A) the unique circumstances of an indi-
14 vidual child; or

15 “(B) an individual who is at least 1, and
16 less than 6, years of age.”;

17 (2) in subsection (d)(3)(A), by adding at the
18 end the following:

19 “(iv) INFANTS.—A State may elect to
20 certify participant infants for a period of
21 up to 2 years.”;

22 (3) in subsection (e)(4)(A), by striking “up to
23 age 5” and inserting “under the age of 6”; and

24 (4) in subsection (f)(7)(D)(i), by striking “age
25 of 5” and inserting “age of 6”.

1 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO SOCIAL SECURITY**

2 **ACT.**

3 Section 1902(a)(53)(A) of title XIX of the Social Se-
4 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(53)(A)) is amended by
5 striking “age of 5” and inserting “age of 6”.

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