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To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to modify the exception to the work requirement.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 17, 2015

Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SANDERS, and Mrs. BOXER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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 “SNAP Work Opportu-
5 nities and Veteran Protection Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE FOOD AND NUTRITION ACT**
 2 **OF 2008.**

3 (a) **WORK REQUIREMENT.**—Section 6(o)(3) of the
 4 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(o)(3))
 5 is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through
 7 (E) as clauses (i) through (v), respectively, and in-
 8 denting appropriately;

9 (2) by striking the paragraph designation and
 10 heading and all that follows through “Paragraph
 11 (2)” and inserting the following:

12 “(3) **EXCEPTIONS.**—

13 “(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Paragraph (2)”;

14 (3) in clause (iv) of subparagraph (A) (as so re-
 15 designated), by striking “or” at the end;

16 (4) in clause (v) of subparagraph (A) (as so re-
 17 designated), by striking the period at the end and
 18 inserting “; or”; and

19 (5) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(vi) not offered a position in a pro-
 21 gram described in subparagraph (B) or (C)
 22 of paragraph (2).

23 “(B) **WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN**
 24 **VETERANS.**—

25 “(i) **IN GENERAL.**—The work require-
 26 ments under paragraph (2) shall not apply

1 to a veteran (as defined in section 101 of
2 title 38, United States Code) if the vet-
3 eran—

4 “(I) is participating in a program
5 administered by the Secretary of Vet-
6 erans Affairs or a State to further
7 employment or rehabilitation goals,
8 including—

9 “(aa) an employment pro-
10 gram;

11 “(bb) a compensated work
12 therapy program;

13 “(cc) a mental or physical
14 rehabilitation program;

15 “(dd) a nonemployment-
16 focused program; and

17 “(ee) a program designed to
18 help veterans transition to full-
19 or part-time employment; and

20 “(II) demonstrates participation,
21 if participation is less than 20 hours
22 per week, in the program to the full-
23 est extent that—

24 “(aa) the veteran is phys-
25 ically able; and

1 “(bb) the program allows.

2 “(ii) EXEMPTION FROM 3-MONTH
3 LIMIT.—The 3-month limit under para-
4 graph (2) shall not apply to a veteran who
5 meets the requirements described in clause
6 (i).”.

7 (b) FUNDING OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PRO-
8 GRAMS.—Section 16(h)(1)(E) of the Food and Nutrition
9 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025(h)(1)(E)) is amended—

10 (1) in clause (i)(I), by striking “section
11 6(o)(3)” and inserting “any of clauses (i) through
12 (v) of section 6(o)(3)(A) or under section
13 6(o)(3)(B)”; and

14 (2) in clause (ii)(II), by striking “section
15 6(o)(3)” and inserting “any of clauses (i) through
16 (v) of section 6(o)(3)(A) or under section
17 6(o)(3)(B)”.

18 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

19 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
20 take effect on the first day of the first fiscal year that
21 begins after the date of enactment of this Act.

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