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# H. R. 3151

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to reduce waste, fraud,  
and abuse in the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POLIQUIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

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assistance program.

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 Stamp Integrity  
5       Act of 2017”.

6       **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY DISQUALIFICATIONS.**

7       (a) PERMANENT DISQUALIFICATION FOR MIS-  
8       CONDUCT.—Section 6(b)(1) of the Food and Nutrition Act  
9       of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(b)(1)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “program—” and inserting  
 2 “program permanently upon—”;

3 (2) by striking clauses (i) and (ii); and

4 (3) in clause (iii)—

5 (A) in subclause (I) by striking “(I) the  
 6 third” and inserting the following:

7 “(A) the first”;

8 (B) in subclause (II) by striking “(II) the  
 9 second” and inserting the following:

10 “(B) the first”;

11 (C) in subclause (III) by striking “(III)  
 12 the first” and inserting the following:

13 “(C) the first”;

14 (D) in subclause (IV) by striking “(IV) a  
 15 conviction” and inserting the following:

16 “(D) a conviction”; and

17 (E) by striking “(iii) permanently  
 18 upon—”.

19 (b) DISQUALIFICATION FOR CERTAIN CONVICTED  
 20 FELONS.—Section 6(r)(1)(A) of the Food and Nutrition  
 21 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(r)(1)(A)) is amended—

22 (1) in clause (iv) by striking “or” at the end;

23 (2) in clause (v) by striking “and” at the end;

24 and

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

1 “(vi) an offense under chapter 113B  
2 of title 18 of the United States Code; or

3 “(vii) defrauding the Federal Govern-  
4 ment, a State, or a unit of local govern-  
5 ment; and”.

6 (c) MANDATORY DISQUALIFICATION FOR CHILD SUP-  
7 PORT ARREARS.—Section 6(n)(1) of the Food and Nutri-  
8 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(n)(1)) is amended by  
9 striking “At the option of a State agency, no” and insert-  
10 ing “No”.

11 (d) WORK REQUIREMENT; ELIMINATION OF WAIVER  
12 OF WORK REQUIREMENT AND OF 15-PERCENT EXEMP-  
13 TION.—Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of  
14 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(o)) is amended—

15 (1) in paragraph (2) by striking “36-month”  
16 and inserting “48-month”;

17 (2) by striking paragraph (4);

18 (3) in paragraph (5) by striking “36-month”  
19 and inserting “48-month”;

20 (4) by striking paragraph (6); and

21 (5) by redesignating paragraphs (5) and (7) as  
22 paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively.

23 (e) PERMANENT DISQUALIFICATION FOR OBTAINING  
24 CASH BY DESTROYING FOOD AND COLLECTING DEPOS-  
25 ITS.—Section 6(p) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008

1 (7 U.S.C. 2015(p)) is amended by striking “for such pe-  
 2 riod of time as the Secretary shall prescribe by regulation”  
 3 and inserting “permanently”.

4 (f) PERMANENT DISQUALIFICATION FOR SALE OF  
 5 FOOD PURCHASED WITH SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION  
 6 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS.—Section 6(q) of the  
 7 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(q)) is  
 8 amended by striking “for such period of time as the Sec-  
 9 retary shall prescribe by regulation” and inserting “per-  
 10 manently”.

11 **SEC. 3. EXCESSIVE LOSS OF EBT CARDS.**

12 Section 6 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7  
 13 U.S.C. 2015) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 14 lowing:

15 “(t) EXCESSIVE LOSS OF EBT CARDS.—At the op-  
 16 tion of the State agency—

17 “(1) if the household requests a third EBT  
 18 card to replace the second of 2 EBT cards issued to  
 19 the household in the 1-year period ending on the  
 20 date of such request, the State agency may require  
 21 the head of the household to appear in person for an  
 22 interview before any additional EBT card is issued  
 23 to the household; and

24 “(2) the participation of a household in the  
 25 supplemental nutrition assistance program may be

1       terminated for 1 year if the household requests a  
2       fifth EBT card to replace the last of 4 EBT cards  
3       issued to such households in the 1-year period end-  
4       ing on the date of such request.”.

5   **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.**

6       (a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as provided in sub-  
7       section (b), this Act and the amendments made by this  
8       Act shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this  
9       Act.

10      (b) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—

11           (1) The amendments made by this Act shall not  
12       apply with respect to conduct that occurs before the  
13       date of the enactment of this Act.

14           (2) The amendments made by this Act shall not  
15       apply with respect to certification periods that begin  
16       before the date of the enactment of this Act.

17           (3) The amendment made by section 4 shall not  
18       apply with respect to EBT cards issued before the  
19       date of the enactment of this Act.

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