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S. 2085

To amend the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 to streamline application processes and reduce the administrative burden for the commodity supplemental food program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CASEY (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) 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 “Nourishing Our Golden
5 Years Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM CER-**
 2 **TIFICATION.**

3 Section 5(g) of the Agriculture and Consumer Protec-
 4 tion Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “Except” and inserting the fol-
 6 lowing:

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(2) CERTIFICATION.—

10 “(A) DEFINITION OF CERTIFICATION PE-
 11 RIOD.—In this paragraph, the term ‘certifi-
 12 cation period’ means the period that a partici-
 13 pant in the commodity supplemental food pro-
 14 gram may continue to receive benefits under
 15 that program without a formal review of the eli-
 16 gibility of the participant.

17 “(B) MINIMUM CERTIFICATION PERIOD.—
 18 Subject to subparagraph (C), a State shall es-
 19 tablish a certification period of not less than 1
 20 year.

21 “(C) EXTENSIONS.—On the request of a
 22 State, the Secretary shall approve a State cer-
 23 tification period of more than 1 year on the
 24 condition that, on an annual basis, the local
 25 agency in the State administering the com-
 26 modity supplemental food program—

1 “(i) verifies the address and continued
2 interest of each participant in receiving
3 program benefits; and

4 “(ii) has sufficient reason to deter-
5 mine that the participant still meets the
6 income eligibility standards, which may in-
7 clude a determination that the participant
8 has a fixed income.”.

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