

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 3442

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make timely decisions on applications of retail food stores to accept benefits from recipients of supplemental nutrition assistance through on-line transactions, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 7, 2023

Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. PADILLA) 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 “Timely Review of
5 SNAP Online Retailer Applications Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEADLINE FOR DECISIONS ON APPLICATIONS TO**
2 **ACCEPT BENEFITS THROUGH ON-LINE**
3 **TRANSACTIONS.**

4 Section 7(k) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
5 (7 U.S.C. 2016(k)) is amended by adding at the end the
6 following:

7 “(5) TIMELY REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In implementing para-
9 graph (1), the Secretary, to the maximum ex-
10 tent practicable, shall make a determination of
11 approval or non-approval of an application of a
12 retail food store to accept benefits from recipi-
13 ents of supplemental nutrition assistance
14 through on-line transactions not later than 180
15 days after the Secretary receives that applica-
16 tion.

17 “(B) NOTIFICATION OF CONGRESS.—If the
18 Secretary is not able to make a determination
19 described in subparagraph (A) by the deadline
20 described in that subparagraph, the Secretary
21 shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture,
22 Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate and the
23 Committee on Agriculture of the House of Rep-
24 resentatives a written notification that includes
25 an explanation of the reasons why the Secretary

1 was not able to make the determination by the
2 applicable deadline.”.

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