

.....
(Original Signature of Member)

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend section 7 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to permit State agencies to restrict the use of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits to prevent the purchase of soft drinks, candy, ice cream, and prepared desserts (such as cakes, pies, cookies, and similar products).

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ROSENDALE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend section 7 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to permit State agencies to restrict the use of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits to prevent the purchase of soft drinks, candy, ice cream, and prepared desserts (such as cakes, pies, cookies, and similar products).

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Ensuring Health in
3 SNAP Act of 2024”.

4 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT.**

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

8 “(1) STATE OPTION TO RESTRICT PURCHASE OF
9 CERTAIN ITEMS.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
11 provision of this Act, a State agency may, at its dis-
12 cretion, ban the use of supplemental nutrition assist-
13 ance program benefits for the purchase of soft
14 drinks, candy, ice cream, prepared desserts such as
15 cakes, pies, cookies, and similar products, as des-
16 ignated by the Secretary.

17 “(2) DESIGNATION BY THE SECRETARY.—The
18 Secretary shall issue and update as necessary a list
19 of specific items that fall under the categories de-
20 scribed in paragraph (1).

21 “(3) NO APPROVAL REQUIRED.—The implemen-
22 tation of any restrictions under paragraph (1) shall
23 be at the sole discretion of the State agency and
24 shall not require approval from the Secretary.

25 “(4) NO REPORTING REQUIRED.—State agen-
26 cies that exercise the option established by this sub-

1 section shall not be required to submit reports re-
2 garding the implementation or results of such re-
3 strictions outside the normal reporting requirements
4 of the program.”.