

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 113-14, H.R. 1947
FEDERAL AGRICULTURE REFORM AND RISK
MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2013
OFFERED BY MR. MARINO OF PENNSYLVANIA

At the end of subtitle A of title IV, add the following:

1 SEC. 4033. ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM REPORTING SYSTEM.

2 (a) UNIFORM REPORTING GUIDELINES.—Section 4
3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2013)
4 is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(d) ISSUANCE OF UNIFORM REPORTING GUIDE-
6 LINES.—

7 “(1) REPORTING GUIDELINES FOR RETAIL
8 FOOD STORES.—Not later than one year after the
9 date of the enactment of the SNAP Transparency
10 Act of 2013, the Secretary shall issue guidelines in
11 accordance with paragraph (2) that establish a uni-
12 form reporting system regarding the food items pur-
13 chased partially or completely with benefits from the
14 supplemental nutrition assistance program that can
15 be applied with reasonable consistency by each retail
16 food store that redeems such benefits. Such guide-

1 lines should be issued according to best practices of
2 monitoring and evaluation studies and analyses.

3 “(2) OBJECTIVES OF GUIDELINES.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The guidelines issued
5 under paragraph (1) shall provide direction to
6 retail food stores that redeem benefits under
7 this program on how to report on a quarterly
8 basis the complete range, identities, sizes, quan-
9 tities, and costs of particular food items pur-
10 chased with such benefits. This uniform report-
11 ing system shall ensure that the reports from
12 each retail food store are comparable.

13 “(B) OBJECTIVES.—Specifically, the
14 guidelines shall provide direction on what infor-
15 mation to include to comply with the reporting
16 requirements established under paragraph (1):

17 “(i) The established uniform, quar-
18 terly reporting system or form to be made
19 available to participating retail food stores.

20 “(ii) The identity (including label and
21 brand name) of each food item purchased
22 with such benefits in the reporting period.

23 “(iii) The size of each food item pur-
24 chased with such benefits in the reporting
25 period.

1 “(iv) The number of units of each
2 identical food item purchased with such
3 benefits in the reporting period.

4 “(v) The aggregate cost of each iden-
5 tical food item purchased with such bene-
6 fits in the reporting period.

7 “(vi) The address of the retail food
8 store in which the food item was purchased
9 with such benefits in the reporting period.

10 “(vii) Application of rigorous moni-
11 toring and evaluation methodologies to en-
12 sure that—

13 “(I) the total value of benefits re-
14 deemed by each reporting retail food
15 store is equal to the total retail cost
16 of food items purchased with such
17 benefits reported in the reporting pe-
18 riod; and

19 “(II) the accuracy of the infor-
20 mation reported in the reporting pe-
21 riod.

22 “(e) SUBMISSION AND PUBLICATION OF REPORTS.—

23 “(1) SUBMISSION OF REPORTS BY RETAIL FOOD
24 STORES.—Not later than 60 days after end of each
25 calendar quarter, or earlier if determined by the Sec-

1 retary, and in accordance with rules issued by the
2 Secretary, each retail food store that redeems bene-
3 fits under the supplemental nutrition assistance pro-
4 gram shall submit to the Secretary a report that
5 complies with subsection (d)

6 “(2) PUBLICATION OF REPORTS BY SEC-
7 RETARY.—Not later than 90 days after the end of
8 each calendar quarter, or earlier if determined by
9 the Secretary, the Secretary shall compile, and shall
10 publish on the Internet in a format searchable by
11 the public as compiled, the information received in
12 the reports submitted under paragraph (1) for such
13 quarter. Such information so compiled shall in-
14 clude—

15 “(A) a comprehensive, timely, comparable,
16 and accessible information on the food items
17 purchased with benefits from the supplemental
18 nutrition assistance program, using the report-
19 ing requirements established by the Secretary
20 under subsection (d)(1);

21 “(B) the identity (including label and
22 brand name) of each food item purchased with
23 such benefits in the reporting period;

24 “(C) the size of each food item purchased
25 with such benefits in the reporting period;

1 “(D) the number of units of each identical
2 food item purchased with such benefits in the
3 reporting period;

4 “(E) the aggregate cost of each identical
5 food item purchased with such benefits in the
6 reporting period;

7 “(F) the address of the retail food store in
8 which the food item was purchased with such
9 benefits in the reporting period; and

10 “(G) with respect to each type of par-
11 ticular food item identified, the average retail
12 sale price of the item purchased with such bene-
13 fits.”.

14 (b) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS IF REQUIREMENTS
15 ARE NOT MET.—If the information described in section
16 4(e)(2) of the Food and Nutrition Assistance Act of 2008
17 (7 U.S.C. 2013(e)(2)) with respect to food items pur-
18 chased with benefits from the supplemental nutrition as-
19 sistance program is not provided as required under section
20 4(e) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2013(e)), then the Secretary
21 shall provide briefings to the appropriate congressional
22 committees, along with a detailed explanation of why the
23 requirements for publication on the Internet have not been
24 met and when they will be met, with respect to each month

1 for which such information is not published on the Inter-
2 net.

3 (c) OFFSET.—Of the amount appropriated to carry
4 out the supplemental nutrition assistance program for
5 each fiscal year, up to 5 percent shall be available to carry
6 out the amendment made by subsection (a).

7 (d) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

8 (1) GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as
9 provided in paragraph (2), this section and the
10 amendment made by this section shall take effect on
11 the date of the enactment of this Act.

12 (2) DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection
13 (e) of section 4 of the Food and Nutrition Act of
14 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2013), as added by subsection (a),
15 shall take effect on the 1st day of the 1st calendar
16 quarter that begins not less than 1 year after the
17 date of the enactment of this Act.

