

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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

1 **SEC. 4114. PILOT PROJECTS FOR RESTRICTING CERTAIN**
2 **CATEGORIES OF ELIGIBLE SNAP FOOD TO**
3 **INCENTIVIZE THE PURCHASE OF NUTRIENT-**
4 **DENSE FOOD.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROJECTS.—Section 17 of
6 the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2016) is
7 amended by adding at the end the following:

8 “(n) PILOT PROJECTS TO IMPROVE THE NUTRITION
9 AND HEALTH OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS.—

10 “(1) AUTHORITY FOR PROJECTS.—The Sec-
11 retary shall conduct not more than 10 pilot projects
12 in metropolitan areas for the purpose of improving
13 the nutrition and health of participating households.

14 “(2) OPERATION OF PROJECTS.—

15 “(A) Such projects shall be structured to
16 modify supplemental nutrition assistance pro-
17 gram benefit use by imposing restrictions on
18 certain categories of eligible food, incentivizing

1 purchase of nutrient-dense food and limiting eli-
2 gible foods and approved retailers.

3 “(i) For purposes of this subpara-
4 graph, the term ‘eligible foods’ means food
5 items that meet the definition of subsist-
6 ence components for Meals Ready-to-Eat
7 (MREs) as established by the Department
8 of Defense, including items intended to
9 provide balanced nutrition consistent with
10 operational feeding standards, and exclud-
11 ing non-nutritive items.

12 “(ii) For purposes of this subsection
13 such restrictions on eligible food shall in-
14 clude restrictions on __—

15 “(I) soda, including low- and no-
16 calorie soda;

17 “(II) fruit and vegetable drinks
18 containing less than 50 percent nat-
19 ural juice;

20 “(III) other beverages deter-
21 mined by the Secretary to be of low
22 nutritional value;

23 “(IV) candy, ultra-processed
24 snack foods, and similar products; and

1 “(V) and other foods designated
2 by the Secretary.

3 “(iii) For purposes of this subsection,
4 the Secretary may use product classifica-
5 tion frameworks, including the GS1 US
6 product classification system and Global
7 Trade Item Numbers (GTINs), to identify
8 and enforce restrictions on food items.

9 “(B) Under the supplemental nutrition as-
10 sistance program structure implemented in
11 project areas, the Secretary may implement
12 benefit models that—

13 “(i) restrict eligible foods based on de-
14 fined nutrition standards (ss defined by
15 the Dietary Guidelines for Americans:
16 Standards and administrative precedents
17 for WIC food packages and

18 “(ii) modify benefit redemption rules,
19 participating retailer eligibility, and food
20 stocking requirements;

21 “(iii) provide an incentive of 30 cents
22 immediately credited back to the partici-
23 pants’ EBT cards for every the supple-
24 mental nutrition assistance program ben-
25 efit dollar spent to purchase fruits and

1 vegetables at participating retailers, includ-
2 ing fresh, canned, frozen, and dried fruits
3 and vegetables without added sugars, fats,
4 oils, or salt (excluding white potatoes and
5 100 percent fruit juice); and

6 “(iv) to evaluate pilot effects on diet
7 quality (as, determined by the Secretary
8 based on nutrition science, Federal dietary
9 guidelines, and minimum nutrient require-
10 ments), and purchasing trends, BMI, and
11 health outcomes, permit testing by partici-
12 pating State agencies of—

13 “(I) restrictions on low-nutri-
14 tional-value items, including sugar-
15 sweetened beverages, candy, and
16 ultra-processed snack foods;

17 “(II) increasing household pur-
18 chases of nutrient dense food and im-
19 proving health through alternative nu-
20 trition assistance delivery mechanisms
21 such as—

22 “(aa) structured food pack-
23 ages with contents of f monthly
24 food packages determined by the
25 Secretary based on WIC formula

1 and other Department of Agri-
2 culture nutritional guidelines, to
3 ensure proper caloric intake and
4 nutritional sustenance; and

5 “(bb) approved vendor sys-
6 tems to provide delivery of foods
7 to individuals unable to phys-
8 ically receive them; and

9 “(III) evaluating the diet quality
10 and purchasing behavior of partici-
11 pating households to determine the
12 impact on individual spending and
13 Federal spending on nutrition pro-
14 grams.”.

