

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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Add at the end of title IV the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . PROMOTING ACCESS TO LOCAL AGRICULTURE.**

2 (a) **STREAMLINING APPLICATIONS FOR FARMERS.—**

3 (1) **DEFINITIONS.—**In this section:

4 (A) **COVERED NUTRITION PROGRAM.—**The
5 term “covered nutrition program” means—

6 (i) the supplemental nutrition assist-
7 ance program established under the Food
8 and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011
9 et seq.);

10 (ii) the senior farmers’ market nutri-
11 tion program established under section
12 4402 of the Farm Security and Rural In-
13 vestment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 3007);

14 (iii) the special supplemental nutrition
15 program for women, infants, and children
16 established by section 17 of the Child Nu-
17 trition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786), in-
18 cluding the farmers’ market nutrition pro-
19 gram under that program; and

1 (iv) the Gus Schumacher Nutrition
2 Incentive Program established under sec-
3 tion 4405 of the Food, Conservation, and
4 Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 7517), as
5 practicable with respect to the activities
6 carried out by the Secretary under para-
7 graphs (2) and (3).

8 (B) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”
9 means the Secretary of Agriculture.

10 (2) STREAMLINED APPLICATION PROCESS.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall es-
12 tablish a streamlined application process—

13 (i) for direct marketing farmers and
14 ranchers to apply to be vendors under each
15 of the covered nutrition programs; and

16 (ii) by—

17 (I) developing a single application
18 that a direct marketing farmer or
19 rancher may use to apply to each of
20 the covered nutrition programs; or

21 (II) developing an information
22 sharing system that—

23 (aa) shares the information
24 of a direct marketing farmer or
25 rancher who is approved as an

1 authorized vendor under a cov-
2 ered nutrition program with each
3 of the other covered nutrition
4 programs; and

5 (bb) deems that direct mar-
6 keting farmer or rancher as a
7 prequalified eligible vendor for
8 those other covered nutrition pro-
9 grams.

10 (B) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after
11 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
12 shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture,
13 Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate and the
14 Committee on Agriculture of the House of Rep-
15 resentatives a report describing progress made
16 in carrying out subparagraph (A).

17 (3) STREAMLINED PROCESSING OF BENE-
18 FITS.—The Secretary shall establish a streamlined
19 process for direct marketing farmers and ranchers
20 that are vendors under any of the covered nutrition
21 programs to process benefits under those programs
22 through the use of standardized technology, such as
23 a single piece of equipment or a mobile application.

24 (b) SUPPORT FOR WIRELESS AND MOBILE EQUIP-
25 MENT FOR CERTAIN ENTITIES.—Section 7(f)(2) of the

1 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2016(f)(2))

2 is amended—

3 (1) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-
4 paragraph (D); and

5 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(C) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall
8 ensure that equipment or systems made avail-
9 able to entities described in clauses (i) and (ii)
10 of subparagraph (B) by a State agency or an
11 implementing partner of a State agency is ap-
12 propriate for the entity, including, with respect
13 to farmers markets and other direct-to-con-
14 sumer markets, wireless or mobile processing
15 equipment and technology systems.”.

