

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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

1 **SEC. 4114. FOOD ASSISTANCE INTEGRITY AND RESPONSIBILITY.**
2 **BILITY.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—Section 7(h)(9) of the Food
4 and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2016(h)(9)) is
5 amended to read as follows:
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7 “(9) PHOTO IDENTIFICATION ON ELECTRONIC
8 BENEFIT TRANSFER CARDS.—

9 “(A) REQUIREMENT.—Each Electronic
10 Benefit Transfer card issued to a household or
11 individual under this chapter shall include on
12 the face of the card a photographic image taken
13 within the previous ten years, or in the case of
14 a minor taken within the previous five years, of
15 the authorized cardholder to whom the card is
16 issued.

17 “(B) LIMITATION ON USE OF ELECTRONIC
18 BENEFIT TRANSFER CARDS.—An individual au-

1 thorized to utilize or redeem benefits through
2 an Electronic Benefit Transfer card under this
3 chapter shall redeem such benefits only through
4 an Electronic Benefit Transfer card bearing the
5 name and photograph of such individual card-
6 holder.

7 “(C) ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL ELEC-
8 TRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER CARDS.—For
9 households in which benefits are accessed by
10 more than one household member, a State
11 agency may issue individual cards to each
12 household member who is authorized to access
13 benefits, including the name and photograph of
14 an individual authorized to access benefits.

15 “(D) EXCEPTION FOR CAREGIVERS.—The
16 Secretary shall establish procedures for reason-
17 able accommodations to allow caregivers of a
18 minor, individual with disabilities, or an elderly
19 individual to access benefits on behalf of a re-
20 cipient in their care.

21 Notwithstanding section 16(a), the Secretary shall
22 reduce, for each fiscal year, the amount paid under
23 such section to each State for expenses incurred to
24 comply withy this paragraph.”.

1 (b) REQUIREMENT FOR RETAILERS TO VERIFY
2 IDENTITY.—Section 9(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act
3 of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2018(a)) is amended by—

4 (1) in paragraph (1)—

5 (A) redesignating clauses (iv) and (v) as
6 clauses (v) and (vi); and

7 (B) inserting after clause (iii) the following
8 new clause:

9 “(iv) information related to the ability
10 of a retailer to verify the identity of the
11 holder of an electronic benefit transfer
12 card to prevent fraudulent purchases;”;
13 and

14 (2) adding at the end the following new para-
15 graph:

16 “(5) As a condition of authorization to accept
17 or redeem benefits under this chapter, a retail food
18 store or wholesale food concern, before making a
19 sale, shall demand to see, and shall inspect, the pho-
20 tograph located on an Electronic Benefit Transfer
21 card for every customer using an Electronic Benefit
22 Transfer card to ensure the purchaser is entitled to
23 utilize or redeem benefits under this chapter.”.

24 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
25 7(h)(2)(C)(i) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7

1 U.S.C. 2016(h)(2)(C)(i) is amended by striking “photo-
2 graphic identification on electronic benefit transfer
3 cards,”.

4 (d) RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—Within 18 months of
5 the effective date of this section, the Secretary shall make
6 such conforming changes to the Code of Federal Regula-
7 tions as are necessary to implement the amendments made
8 by this section.

9 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section, and amend-
10 ments made by this section, shall take effect 18 months
11 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

