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To strengthen the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) categorical eligibility for applicants who already receive supplemental assistance elsewhere and for those with assets high enough to not require assistance; and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To strengthen the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) categorical eligibility for applicants who already receive supplemental assistance elsewhere and for those with assets high enough to not require assistance; and for other purposes.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “ SNAP Reform Act
5 of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. UPDATE TO CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY.**

2 Section 5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
3 U.S.C. 2014) is amended—

4 (1) in the 2d sentence of subsection (a)—

5 (A) by striking “receives benefits” and in-
6 serting “(1) receives cash assistance (not less
7 than \$150 a month for an extended period)”,

8 (B) by striking “supplemental security”
9 and inserting “with an income eligibility limit of
10 not more than 130 percent of the poverty line
11 as defined in section 5(c)(1), (2) is elderly or
12 disabled and receives cash assistance or ongoing
13 and substantial services under a State program
14 funded under part A of title IV of the Social
15 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) with an
16 income eligibility limit of not more than 200
17 percent of the poverty line as defined in section
18 5(c)(1), (3) receives supplemental security”,
19 and

20 (C) by striking “or aid” and inserting “or
21 (4) receives aid”, and
22 (2) in subsection (j)—

23 (A) by striking “or who receives benefits”
24 and inserting “cash assistance (not less than
25 \$150 a month for an extended period)”, and

1 (B) by striking “to have” and inserting
2 “with an income eligibility limit of not more
3 than 130 percent of the poverty line as defined
4 in section 5(c)(1), or who is elderly or disabled
5 and receives cash assistance or ongoing and
6 substantial services under a State program
7 funded under part A of title IV of the Act (42
8 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) with an income eligibility
9 limit of not more than 200 percent of the pov-
10 erty line as defined in section 5(c)(1), to have”.

11 **SEC. 3. AVAILABILITY OF STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCES**

12 **BASED ON RECEIPT OF ENERGY ASSISTANCE.**

13 Section 5(k)(4) of the Food and Nutrition Act of
14 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014(k)(4)) is amended—

15 (1) in subparagraph (A) by inserting “without
16 an elderly member” after “household” the 1st place
17 it appears, and

18 (2) in subparagraph (B) by inserting “with an
19 elderly member” after “household” the 1st place it
20 appears.

21 **SEC. 4. ADJUSTMENT TO ASSET LIMITATIONS.**

22 Section 5(g)(1) of the Food and Nutrition Act of
23 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014(g)(1)) is amended—

24 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

1 (A) by striking “\$2,000” and inserting
2 “\$7,000”, and

3 (B) by striking “\$3,000” and inserting
4 “\$12,000”, and—

5 (2) in subparagraph (B)(i) by striking “2019”
6 and inserting “2022”.

7 **SEC. 5. ADJUSTMENTS FOR INFLATION; UPDATED VEHICLE**
8 **ALLOWANCE.**

9 Section 5(g) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
10 (7 U.S.C. 2014(g)) is amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (1)(B)(i)—

12 (A) by striking “(i) IN GENERAL.—Begin-
13 ning” and inserting the following:

14 “(i) IN GENERAL.—

15 “(I) Beginning”, and

16 (B) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(II) Beginning on October 1,
18 2021, and each October 1 thereafter,
19 the amount specified in paragraph
20 (2)(B)(iv) shall be adjusted in the
21 manner described in subclause (I).”,
22 and

23 (2) in paragraph (2)—

24 (A) by amending subparagraph (B)—

1 (i) by amending clause (iv) to read as
2 follows:

3 “(iv) subject to subparagraph (C),
4 with respect to any licensed vehicle that is
5 used for household transportation or to ob-
6 tain or continue employment—

7 “(I) 1 vehicle for each licensed
8 driver who is a member of such house-
9 hold; and

10 “(II) each additional vehicle;
11 and”, and

12 (ii) in clause (v) by inserting “to the
13 extend such value exceeds \$7,500” after
14 “account”, and

15 (B) by striking subparagraph (D).

16 **SEC. 6. SAVINGS EXCLUDED FROM ASSETS.**

17 Section 5(g) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
18 (7 U.S.C. 2014(g)), as amended by section 5, is amend-
19 ed—

20 (1) in paragraph (1)(B)(i) by adding at the end
21 the following:

22 “(III) Beginning on October 1,
23 2021, and each October 1 thereafter,
24 the amount specified in paragraph
25 (2)(B)(v) shall be adjusted in the

1 manner described in subclause (I).”,
2 and
3 (2) in paragraph (2)(B)(v) by inserting “to the
4 extent that the value exceeds \$7,500” after “ac-
5 count”.

6 **SEC. 7. ALLOWANCE TO RECIPIENTS OF ENERGY ASSIST-**
7 **ANCE.**

8 (a) STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCE.—Section
9 5(e)(6)(C)(iv)(I) of the of the Food and Nutrition Act of
10 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014(e)(6)(C)(iv)(I)) is amended by in-
11 serting “with an elderly member” after “households”.

12 (a) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
13 2605(f)(2)(A) of the Low-Income Home Energy Assist-
14 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 8624(f)(2)(A)) is amended by insert-
15 ing “received by a household with an elderly member” be-
16 fore “, consistent with section 5(e)(6)(C)(iv)(I)”.

17 **SEC. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

18 (a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as provided in sub-
19 section (b), this Act and the amendments made by this
20 Act shall take effect 180 days after the date of the enact-
21 ment of this Act.

22 (b) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—The amend-
23 ments made by this Act shall apply with respect to certifi-
24 cation periods that begin after the effective date of this
25 Act.