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To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to make certain multivitamin-mineral dietary supplements eligible for purchase with supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself and Ms. SINEMA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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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 Vitamin and
5 Mineral Improvement Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. MULTIVITAMIN-MINERAL DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3 of the Food and Nutri-
8 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (k)—

2 (A) by striking “shelters, and (9) in” and
3 inserting the following: “shelters;
4 “(9) in”;

5 (B) by striking “arrangement, (8) in” and
6 inserting the following: “arrangement;
7 “(8) in”;

8 (C) by striking “subsistence, (7) in” and
9 inserting the following: “subsistence;
10 “(7) in”;

11 (D) by striking “programs, (6) in” and in-
12 serting the following: “programs;
13 “(6) in”;

14 (E) by striking “section 9(h), (5) in” and
15 inserting the following: “section 9(h);
16 “(5) in”;

17 (F) by striking “elderly, (4) in” and in-
18 serting the following: “elderly;
19 “(4) in”;

20 (G) by striking “household, (3) in” and in-
21 serting the following: “household;
22 “(3) in”;

23 (H) by striking “product, (2) seeds” and
24 inserting the following: “product;
25 “(2) seeds”;

1 (I) by striking the subsection designation
2 and all that follows through “(1) any food” and
3 inserting the following:

4 “(k) FOOD.—The term ‘food’ means—
5 “(1) any food”;

6 (J) in paragraph (1) (as so amended)—
7 (i) by striking “clauses” and inserting
8 “paragraphs”; and

9 (ii) by striking “of this subsection”;

10 (K) in paragraph (9) (as so amended), by
11 striking the period at the end and inserting “;
12 and”; and

13 (L) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(10) a multivitamin-mineral dietary supple-
15 ment for home consumption.”;

16 (2) by redesignating subsections (n) through (v)
17 as subsections (o) through (w), respectively;

18 (3) by inserting after subsection (m) the fol-
19 lowing:

20 “(n) MULTIVITAMIN-MINERAL DIETARY SUPPLE-
21 MENT.—The term ‘multivitamin-mineral dietary supple-
22 ment’ means a substance that—

23 “(1) provides at least half of the vitamins and
24 minerals—

1 “(A) for which the National Academy of
2 Medicine establishes dietary reference intakes;
3 and

4 “(B) at 50 percent or more of the daily
5 value for the intended life stage per daily serv-
6 ing, as determined by the Food and Drug Ad-
7 ministration; and

8 “(2) does not exceed the tolerable upper intake
9 levels for those nutrients for which an established
10 tolerable upper intake level is determined by the Na-
11 tional Academy of Medicine.”; and

12 (4) in subsection (r) (as so redesignated)—

13 (A) by striking the subsection designation
14 and all that follows through “Except” and in-
15 serting the following:

16 “(r) STAPLE FOODS.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except”;

18 (B) in paragraph (1) (as so amended), by
19 indenting subparagraphs (A) through (D) ap-
20 propriately; and

21 (C) in paragraph (2)—

22 (i) by striking the paragraph designa-
23 tion and all that follows through “do not”
24 and inserting the following:

1 “(2) EXCLUSIONS.—The term ‘staple foods’
2 does not”; and

3 (ii) by striking “and spices” and in-
4 serting “spices, and multivitamin-mineral
5 dietary supplements”.

6 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

7 (1) Section 10 of the Food and Nutrition Act
8 of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2019) is amended in the first sen-
9 tence by striking “section 3(o)(4)” and inserting
10 “section 3(p)(4)”.

11 (2) Section 11 of the Food and Nutrition Act
12 of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2020) is amended—

13 (A) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “sec-
14 tion 3(s)(1)” and inserting “section 3(t)(1)”;

15 (B) in subsection (d)—

16 (i) by striking “section 3(s)(1)” each
17 place it appears and inserting “section
18 3(t)(1)”;

19 (ii) by striking “section 3(s)(2)” each
20 place it appears and inserting “section
21 3(t)(2)”;

22 (C) in subsection (e)(17), by striking “de-
23 scribed in section 3(s)(1)”.

24 (3) Section 16(e)(1)(A)(ii)(II) of the Food and
25 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.

1 2025(e)(1)(A)(ii)(II)) is amended by striking “sec-
2 tion 3(u)(4)” and inserting “section 3(v)(4)”.

3 (4) Section 19(a)(2)(A)(ii) of the Food and Nu-
4 trition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2028(a)(2)(A)(ii)) is
5 amended by striking “section 3(u)(4)” and inserting
6 “section 3(v)(4)”.

7 (5) Section 27(a)(2) of the Food and Nutrition
8 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)(2)) is amended by
9 striking “section 3(u)(4)” each place it appears and
10 inserting “section 3(v)(4)”.

11 (6) Section 404 of title IV of the Social Secu-
12 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 604) is amended in each of sub-
13 sections (i) and (j) by striking “section 3(l) of the
14 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008” and inserting
15 “section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
16 (7 U.S.C. 2012)”.

17 (7) Section 408(a)(12)(B)(i) of title IV of the
18 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 608(a)(12)(B)(i)) is
19 amended in the second sentence by striking “(with-
20 in” and all that follows through the period at the
21 end and inserting “(as defined in section 3 of the
22 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012)).”.

23 (8) Section 454(29) of title IV of the Social Se-
24 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 654(29)) is amended by strik-
25 ing “section 3(h) of the Food and Nutrition Act of

1 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(h))” each place it appears and
2 inserting “section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act
3 of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012)”.

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