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**AN ACT**

To require States to establish a system to prevent prisoners from being considered part of any household for purposes of determining eligibility of the household for food stamp benefits and the amount of food stamp benefits to be provided to the household under the Food Stamp Act of 1977.

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. STATES REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH SYSTEM TO**  
4               **PREVENT PRISONERS FROM BEING CONSID-**  
5               **ERED PART OF ANY HOUSEHOLD UNDER THE**  
6               **FOOD STAMP ACT OF 1977.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 11(e)(20) of the Food  
8       Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2020(e)(20)) is amended  
9       to read as follows:

10               “(20) that the State agency shall establish a  
11       system and take action on a periodic basis—

12               “(A) to verify and otherwise assure that an  
13       individual does not receive coupons in more  
14       than one jurisdiction within the State; and

15               “(B) to verify and otherwise assure that an  
16       individual who is officially detained in a correc-  
17       tional, detention, or penal facility administered  
18       under Federal or State law is not considered to  
19       be part of any household participating in the  
20       food stamp program, except to the extent that  
21       the Secretary determines that extraordinary cir-  
22       cumstances have made it impracticable for the  
23       State agency to obtain the information nec-  
24       essary to do so.”.

1       (b) PENALTY.—Section 11(g) of the Food Stamp Act  
2 of 1977 shall apply, in accordance with its terms, to any  
3 failure of a State agency to comply with section  
4 11(e)(20)(B) of such Act.

5       (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
6 11(e)(8)(E) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.  
7 2020(e)(8)(E)) is amended by inserting “or (20)(B)”  
8 after “(16)”.

9       (d) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—The amend-  
10 ments made by this section shall not apply with respect  
11 to certification periods beginning before the end of the 1-  
12 year period that begins with the date of the enactment  
13 of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives April 8, 1997.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,

*Clerk.*

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