

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 413

To amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to require States to verify that prisoners are not receiving food stamps.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 10, 1997

Mrs. HUTCHISON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

To amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to require States to verify that prisoners are not receiving food stamps.

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. DENIAL OF FOOD STAMPS FOR PRISONERS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 11(e)(20) of the Food
5 Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2020(e)(20)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “that an individual” and insert-
7 ing the following: “that—

8 “(A) an individual”;

9 (2) by adding “and” after the semicolon at the
10 end; and

1 (3) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(B) an individual who is officially de-
3 tained in a Federal or State correctional, deten-
4 tion, or penal facility is not participating in the
5 food stamp program;”.

6 (b) PENALTY.—Section 16(a) of the Food Stamp Act
7 of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2025(a)) is amended in the proviso of
8 the first sentence—

9 (1) by inserting after “35 percent” the follow-
10 ing: “(or, in the case of a State agency that is not
11 complying with section 11(e)(20)(B), 33 percent)”;
12 and

13 (2) by inserting after “20 percent” the follow-
14 ing: “(or, in the case of a State agency that is not
15 complying with section 11(e)(20)(B), 18 percent)”.

16 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
17 11(e)(8)(E) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.
18 2020(e)(8)(E)) is amended by striking “paragraph (16)”
19 and inserting “paragraphs (16) and (20)(B)”.

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