

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 57

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to prevent the illegal trafficking of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits by requiring all program beneficiaries to show valid photo identification when purchasing items with program benefits.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 7, 2015

Mr. VITTER 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 “Food Stamp Fraud
5 Prevention and Accountability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PHOTO IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.**

2 (a) DISQUALIFICATION FOR USING ANOTHER EBT
3 CARD.—Section 6 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
4 (7 U.S.C. 2015) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(t) DISQUALIFICATION FOR USING ANOTHER EBT
7 CARD.—Subject to any requirements established by the
8 Secretary, any person who has been found by a State or
9 Federal court or administrative agency in a hearing under
10 subsection (b) to have intentionally used an EBT card
11 that was issued to a household of which the person is not
12 a member shall be ineligible for benefits under this Act.”.

13 (b) OPTIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION.—
14 Section 7(h)(9) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
15 (7 U.S.C. 2016(h)(9)) is amended by adding at the end
16 the following:

17 “(C) LISTED BENEFICIARIES.—

18 “(i) IN GENERAL.—If a State agency
19 elects not to require that an EBT card
20 contain a photograph described in subpara-
21 graph (A), the State agency shall list on
22 the EBT card the name of each member of
23 the household who may use the card.

24 “(ii) PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION
25 REQUIRED.—A member of a household
26 with an EBT card issued by a State agen-

1 cy described in clause (i) shall be required
2 to show photographic identification at the
3 point of sale when using the EBT card.”.

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