

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5853

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2018

Mr. REICHERT (for himself and Mr. SMITH of Nebraska) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Preserving Welfare for
5 Needs Not Weed Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF ELECTRONIC BENEFIT**
2 **TRANSFER CARD TO ACCESS TANF ASSIST-**
3 **ANCE AT ANY STORE THAT OFFERS MARI-**
4 **JUANA FOR SALE.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 408(a)(12)(A) of the So-
6 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 608(a)(12)(A)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “or” at the end of clause (ii);

8 (2) by striking the period at the end of clause

9 (iii) and inserting “; or”; and

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

11 “(iv) any establishment that offers
12 marihuana (as defined in section 102(16)
13 of the Controlled Substances Act) for
14 sale.”.

15 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 2 years
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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