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To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to repeal the particular work requirement that disqualifies able-bodied adults for eligibility to participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2019

Ms. LEE of California (for herself, Ms. MOORE, Ms. ADAMS, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. RUSH, Ms. NORTON, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. OMAR, Mr. KHANNA, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. HAALAND, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. COHEN, and Mr. CORREA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to repeal the particular work requirement that disqualifies able-bodied adults for eligibility to participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

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 “Improving Access to
5 Nutrition Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

2 (a) WORK REQUIREMENT.—Section 6 of the Food
3 and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015) is amended—

4 (1) in subsections (d)(4)(B)(ii)(I)(bb),
5 (d)(4)(N)(iii)(I)(bb), (d)(4)(N)(iv)(II), and
6 (d)(4)(N)(v)(IV) by striking “or subsection (o)”, and
7 (2) by striking subsection (o).

8 (b) ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS FOR STATES THAT
9 ENSURE AVAILABILITY OF WORK OPPORTUNITIES.—Sec-
10 tion 16(h)(1) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
11 U.S.C. 2025(h)(1)) is amended by striking subparagraph
12 (E).

13 (c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

14 (1) Section 7(i)(1) of the Food and Nutrition
15 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2016(i)(1)) is amended by
16 striking “section 6(o)(2) of this Act or”.

17 (2) Section 16(h) of the Food and Nutrition
18 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025(h)) is amended—

19 (A) in paragraph (1)—

20 (i) in subparagraph (B)—

21 (I) by striking “that—” and all
22 that follows through “(i)”, and

23 (II) by striking “; and” and all
24 that follows through “6(o)”, and

25 (ii) in subparagraph
26 (F)(ii)(III)(ee)(AA) by striking “, individ-

1 uals subject to the requirements under sec-
2 tion 6(o)”, and
3 (B) in paragraph (5)(C)—
4 (i) in clause (ii) by inserting “and” at
5 the end, and
6 (ii) in clause (iii) by striking “; and”
7 and all that follows through “appropriate”.

8 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

9 (a) INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.—Section
10 51(d)(8)(A)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26
11 U.S.C. 51(d)(8)(A)(ii)) is amended—

12 (1) by striking “family—” and all that follows
13 through “(I)” and inserting “family”, and

14 (2) by striking “, or” and all that follows
15 through “of 2008”.

16 (b) WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY
17 ACT.—The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
18 (29 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.) is amended—

19 (1) in section 103(a)(2) by striking subpara-
20 graph (D), and

21 (2) in section 121(b)(2)(B) by striking clause
22 (iv).

23 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.**

24 (a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as provided in sub-
25 section (b), this Act and the amendments made by this

1 Act shall take effect 180 days after the date of enactment
2 of this Act.

3 (b) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—

4 (1) The amendments made by section 2 shall
5 not apply with respect to an allotment issued under
6 the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011
7 et seq.) before the effective date of this Act.

8 (2) The amendments made by section 3(a) shall
9 not apply to individuals hired before the expiration
10 of the 90-day period that begins on the effective
11 date of this Act.

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