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H. R. 8024

To extend certain waivers under the WIC program during the COVID–19 pandemic, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 11, 2020

Ms. SCHRIER (for herself and Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “WIC Waiver Extension
5 Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF PHYSICAL PRESENCE WAIVER**
2 **UNDER WIC DURING CERTAIN PUBLIC**
3 **HEALTH EMERGENCIES.**

4 Section 2203 of the Families First Coronavirus Re-
5 sponse Act (Public Law 116–127; 42 U.S.C. 1786 note)
6 is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “any por-
8 tion” and all that follows through the period at the
9 end and inserting “the qualified emergency period
10 described in subsection (c)(1).”; and

11 (2) by amending subsection (c) to read as fol-
12 lows:

13 “(c) APPLICABILITY.—

14 “(1) QUALIFIED EMERGENCY PERIOD.—The
15 qualified emergency period described in this para-
16 graph is the period—

17 “(A) beginning on March 18, 2020; and

18 “(B) ending on September 30, 2021.

19 “(2) EFFECT OF EXTENSION.—The Secretary
20 may extend (without further application) a waiver
21 approved by the Secretary and received by a State
22 agency under this section before the date of the en-
23 actment of the WIC Waiver Extension Act of 2020
24 such that such waiver applies during the qualified
25 emergency period described in paragraph (1).

1 “(3) SUNSET.—The authority under this sec-
2 tion shall expire on September 30, 2021.”.

3 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

4 **WAIVER UNDER WIC.**

5 Section 2204 of the Families First Coronavirus Re-
6 sponse Act (Public Law 116–127) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (c), by striking “September
8 30, 2020” and inserting “September 30, 2021”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(d) EFFECT OF EXTENSION.—The Secretary of Ag-
11 riculture may extend (without further application) a waiv-
12 er approved by the Secretary of Agriculture and received
13 by a State agency under this section before the date of
14 the enactment of the WIC Waiver Extension Act of 2020
15 such that such waiver applies until September 30, 2021.”.

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