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H. R. 421

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to treat the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in the same manner as Guam is treated.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2021

Mr. SABLAN (for himself, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. SCHRADER, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. MENG, Ms. CHU, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. COURTNEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Assuring You Uniform
5 Dietary Assistance (AYUDA) Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 3 of the Food and Nutri-
8 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (r) by inserting “the Common-
 2 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,” after
 3 “Guam”, and

4 (2) in subsection (u)(3) by inserting “the Com-
 5 monwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,” after
 6 “Guam,”.

7 (b) ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS.—Section 5 of the Food
 8 and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (b) by inserting “the Com-
 10 monwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,” after
 11 “Guam,” and

12 (2) in subsection (c)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1) by striking “and
 14 Guam,” and inserting “Guam, and the Com-
 15 monwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,”
 16 and

17 (B) in the last sentence by striking “or
 18 Guam” and inserting “Guam, or the Common-
 19 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands”, and
 20 (3) in subsection (e)—

21 (A) in paragraph (1)(B)—

22 (i) in the heading by striking
 23 “GUAM.” and inserting “GUAM AND THE
 24 COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MAR-
 25 IANA ISLANDS.”,

1 (ii) in clause (i) by inserting “and the
2 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
3 Islands” after “Guam”, and

4 (iii) in clause (ii) by inserting “and
5 the Commonwealth of the Northern Mar-
6 iana Islands” after “Guam”, and

7 (B) in paragraph (6)(B) by inserting “the
8 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is-
9 lands,” after “Guam,”.

10 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

11 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
12 take effect on October 1, 2021.

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