

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5701

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

Mr. CASAR 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 “No Photo for Food
5 Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

2 Section 7(h) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
3 (7 U.S.C. 2016(h)) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (2)(C)(i) by striking “photo-
5 graphic identification on electronic benefit transfer
6 cards,” and

7 (2) by amending paragraph (9) to read as fol-
8 lows:

9 “(9) LIMITATION.—A State agency may not re-
10 quire that an electronic benefit card contain a photo-
11 graph of any household member authorized to use
12 such card to purchase food under the supplemental
13 nutrition assistance program.”.

14 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.**

15 (a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as provided in sub-
16 section (b), this Act and the amendments made by this
17 Act shall take effect 180 days after the date of the enact-
18 ment of this Act.

19 (b) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—The amend-
20 ments made by this Act shall not apply with respect to
21 certification periods that begin before the effective date
22 of this Act.

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