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# H. R. 8024

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## 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

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## A BILL

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

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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