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S. 3025

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to prevent the illegal trafficking of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits by requiring all program beneficiaries to show valid photo identification when purchasing items with program benefits.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 7, 2018

Mr. KENNEDY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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 “Fraud Reduction
5 Through Photographic Identification Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. IDENTIFICATION FOR CARD USE.**

2 Section 7(h)(9) of the Food and Nutrition Act of
3 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2016(h)(9)) is amended—

4 (1) in the paragraph heading, by striking “OP-
5 TIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION” and in-
6 serting “IDENTIFICATION FOR CARD USE”;

7 (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and
8 (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively, and indent-
9 ing appropriately;

10 (3) by inserting before clause (i) (as so redesign-
11 nated) the following:

12 “(A) LISTED BENEFICIARIES.—A State
13 agency shall require that an electronic benefit
14 card lists the names of—

15 “(i) the head of the household;

16 “(ii) each adult member of the house-
17 hold; and

18 “(iii) each adult that is not a member
19 of the household that is authorized to use
20 that card.

21 “(B) PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION RE-
22 QUIRED.—

23 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-
24 vided under clause (ii), any individual list-
25 ed on an electronic benefit card under sub-
26 paragraph (A) shall be required to show

1 photographic identification at the point of
2 sale when using the card.

3 “(ii) HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD.—A head
4 of a household is not required to show pho-
5 tographic identification under clause (i) if
6 the electronic benefit card contains a pho-
7 tograph of that individual under subpara-
8 graph (C)(i).

9 “(C) OPTIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTI-
10 FICATION.—”;

11 (4) in subparagraph (C) (as so designated)—

12 (A) in clause (i) (as so redesignated), by
13 striking “1 or more members of a” and insert-
14 ing “the head of the”; and

15 (B) in clause (ii) (as so redesignated)—

16 (i) by striking “subparagraph (A)”
17 and inserting “clause (i)”; and

18 (ii) by inserting “subject to subpara-
19 graph (B)(i)” after “the card”; and

20 (5) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(D) VISUAL VERIFICATION.—Any indi-
22 vidual that is shown photographic identification
23 or an electronic benefit card containing a pho-
24 tograph, as applicable, under subparagraph (B)
25 shall visually confirm that the photograph on

1 the identification or the electronic benefit card,
2 as applicable, is a clear and accurate likeness of
3 the individual using the electronic benefit
4 card.”.

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