

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 6657

To amend the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, to limit the conditions applicable to the use of electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards to purchase food, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 7, 2023

Mr. ROUZER (for himself and Mr. BACON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## 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 “Securing Strictly  
5 Needy Americans’ Pivotal (SNAP) Benefits Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS**  
2 **ACT, 2023.**

3 Section 501 of title IV of division HH of the Consoli-  
4 dated Appropriations Act, 2023, is amended by adding at  
5 the end the following:

6 “(e) **EXCLUSIVELY OUT-OF-STATE PURCHASES.**—  
7 The State agency shall suspend the accounts of households  
8 for which EBT card transactions are made exclusively out-  
9 of-State for a period longer than 60 days, until—

10 “(1) the household affirmatively provides sub-  
11 stantiating evidence that the members of the house-  
12 hold who are program participants still reside in the  
13 state from which they receive benefits; or

14 “(2) an investigation is conducted and conclu-  
15 sively determines that the members of the household  
16 who are program participants still reside in the state  
17 from which they receive benefits.”.

18 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON REDEMPTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL**  
19 **NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS**  
20 **BY OWNERS OF APPROVED RETAIL FOOD**  
21 **STORES AND WHOLESALE FOOD CONCERNS.**

22 Section 9 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7  
23 U.S.C. 2020) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
24 lowing:

25 “(k) **LIMITATION ON REDEMPTION OF SUPPLE-**  
26 **MENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS BY**

1 HOUSEHOLDS THAT INCLUDE MEMBERS WHO ARE OWN-  
2 ERS OF APPROVED RETAIL FOOD STORES OR WHOLE-  
3 SALE FOOD CONCERNS.—

4           “(1) A household that includes a member who  
5 is an owner of an approved retail food store or  
6 wholesale food concern may not redeem supple-  
7 mental nutrition assistance program benefits at such  
8 store or such concern.

9           “(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect  
10 to a retail food store, or a wholesale food concern,  
11 that is owned by a publicly owned corporation or by  
12 a government.”.

13 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

14           This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall  
15 take effect 1 year after the date of the enactment of this  
16 Act.

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