

118TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 9169

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2024

Mr. ROSENDALE (for himself, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. BRECHEEN, and Mr. HARRIS) 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 “Ensuring Health in  
5 SNAP Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT.**

2 Section 7 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7  
3 U.S.C. 2016) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
4 lowing:

5 “(1) STATE OPTION TO RESTRICT PURCHASE OF  
6 CERTAIN ITEMS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
8 provision of this Act, a State agency may, at its dis-  
9 cretion, ban the use of supplemental nutrition assist-  
10 ance program benefits for the purchase of soft  
11 drinks, candy, ice cream, prepared desserts such as  
12 cakes, pies, cookies, and similar products, as des-  
13 ignated by the Secretary.

14 “(2) DESIGNATION BY THE SECRETARY.—The  
15 Secretary shall issue and update as necessary a list  
16 of specific items that fall under the categories de-  
17 scribed in paragraph (1).

18 “(3) NO APPROVAL REQUIRED.—The implemen-  
19 tation of any restrictions under paragraph (1) shall  
20 be at the sole discretion of the State agency and  
21 shall not require approval from the Secretary.

22 “(4) NO REPORTING REQUIRED.—State agen-  
23 cies that exercise the option established by this sub-  
24 section shall not be required to submit reports re-  
25 garding the implementation or results of such re-

- 1 strictions outside the normal reporting requirements
- 2 of the program.”.

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