

116TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 7271

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to permit supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits to be used to purchase additional types of items and to increase the amount of such benefits.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 18, 2020

Mr. RUSH 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 “‘SNAP Provisions to
5 Lower Undue Struggle Act of 2020” or the “SNAP PLUS
6 Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

2 The Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011
3 et seq.) is amended—

4 (1) in section 3—

5 (A) in subsection (k)—

6 (i) in paragraph (1) by striking “hot
7 foods or hot food products ready for imme-
8 diate consumption other than those author-
9 ized pursuant to clauses (3), (4), (5), (7),
10 (8), and (9) of this subsection,”;

11 (ii) by striking “and (9)” the last
12 place it appears and inserting “(9)”; and

13 (iii) by inserting before the period at
14 the end the following:

15 “, and (10) vitamins, (including supplements), medicines,
16 prepared foods fit for immediate consumption, hot foods,
17 cleaning supplies, paper products, other household sup-
18 plies, and personal hygiene items”;

19 (B) by inserting after subsection (o) the
20 following:

21 “(o-1) ‘Personal hygiene items’ means items identi-
22 fied in rules prescribed by the Secretary designed to help
23 encourage personal germ control and cleanliness, and in-
24 cluding toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodor-
25 ant, and menstrual hygiene products.”; and

1 (C) by inserting after subsection (m) the
2 following:

3 “(m–1) ‘Menstrual hygiene products’ means men-
4 strual cups, and sanitary napkins and tampons, that con-
5 form to applicable industry standards.”; and

6 (2) in section (8)(a) by adding at the end the
7 following:

8 “The value of the allotment shall be increased by \$20 per
9 day annually beginning on October 1, adjusted to reflect
10 changes for the 12-month period ending the preceding No-
11 vember 30 in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban
12 Consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics
13 of the Department of Labor.”.

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