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H. R. 205

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2023

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) 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 Theft Protec-
5 tion Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

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

4 (1) in subsection (e) by inserting “or from the
5 reissuance of benefits stolen by identity theft or typ-
6 ical skimming practices,” after “mail”, and

7 (2) in subsection (h)(7)—

8 (A) by striking “Regulations” and insert-
9 ing the following:

10 “(A) REPLACEMENT OF BENEFITS.—Reg-
11 ulations”, and

12 (B) by adding at end the following:

13 “(B) REISSUANCE OF STOLEN BENE-
14 FITS.—

15 “(i) ISSUANCE OF REGULATIONS.—
16 Secretary shall issue regulations—

17 “(I) to establish criteria for State
18 agencies to identify supplemental nu-
19 trition assistance program benefits
20 stolen by identity theft or typical
21 skimming practices; and

22 “(II) to provide for the
23 reissuance to households of benefits
24 stolen by identity theft, or typical
25 skimming practices, that meet such
26 criteria.

1 “(ii) STATUS REPORT.—Not later
2 than 240 days after the Secretary issues
3 regulations under clause (i), the Secretary
4 shall submit to the Congress a report on
5 the status of benefits reissued under such
6 regulations that includes—

7 “(I) a detailed description of the
8 prevalence of stolen benefits for which
9 benefits are reissued under such regu-
10 lations;

11 “(II) an examination of current
12 barriers, feasibility, and impact on
13 participant access and ease of use in
14 developing an electronic benefit trans-
15 fer card that contains innovative tech-
16 nologies such as an embedded
17 microchip along with the traditional
18 magnetic stripe; and

19 “(III) such other information as
20 by the Secretary considers to be ap-
21 propriate.

22 “(iii) STOLEN BENEFIT REISSUANCE
23 REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after
24 end of each fiscal year that begins after
25 the Secretary issues regulations under

1 clause (i), the Secretary shall submit to the
2 Congress a report for such fiscal year with
3 respect to each State that includes the ag-
4 gregate value of supplemental nutrition as-
5 sistance program benefits reissued under
6 such regulations and the number of house-
7 holds to which such benefits were reissued.

8 “(iv) EVALUATION.—To maximize the
9 accessibility and security of electronic ben-
10 efit transfer cards, the Secretary shall pe-
11 riodically review and modify such regula-
12 tions to take into account evolving tech-
13 nology and the threat landscape to better
14 protect against benefit theft.”.

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