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S. 2432

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to expand the medical expense deduction, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. WELCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ‘‘Bridging the SNAP Gap Act of 2023’’.

SEC. 2. AGE FOR EXCLUSIONS FROM INCOME.

Section 5(d)(7) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014(d)(7)) is amended by striking ‘‘17’’ and inserting ‘‘21’’.

SEC. 3. STANDARD MEDICAL EXPENSE DEDUCTION.

Section 5(e)(5) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014(e)(5)) is amended—

(1) in the paragraph heading, by striking ''EXCESS'' and inserting ''STANDARD'';

(2) in subparagraph (A)—

(A) by striking ''containing an elderly or disabled member'';

(B) by striking ''excess'' and inserting ''standard''; and

(C) by striking ''incurred by the elderly or disabled member,'';

(3) in subparagraph (B)—

(A) in clause (i), by striking ''excess'' and inserting ''standard''; and

(B) in clause (ii)(I), by striking ''eligible elderly or disabled''; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

''(D) STANDARD MEDICAL EXPENSE DEDUCTION AMOUNT.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in clause (ii), the standard medical expense deduction under subparagraph (A) shall be, with respect to a fiscal year, equal to the monthly premium rate determined under section 1839(a)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395r(a)(3)) that is applicable on October 1 of that fiscal year.

"(ii) EXCEPTION.—For any fiscal year, a State agency may establish a greater standard medical expense deduction than described in clause (i) if the greater deduction satisfies cost neutrality standards established by the Secretary for that fiscal year.".

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