

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PAUL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Nutritious SNAP Act  
5        of 2025”.

6        **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF FOOD; WAIVER OF ELIGIBILITY OF**  
7        **CERTAIN FOOD.**

8        (a) DEFINITION OF FOOD.—Section 3(k) of the Food  
9        and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(k)) is amend-  
10       ed—

1           (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “home con-  
2           sumption” and inserting “home consumption, sub-  
3           ject to section 11(y),”; and

4           (2) by inserting “, any nonalcoholic beverage  
5           that is not water, cow’s milk, a milk-substitute bev-  
6           erage (such as almond milk, soy milk, and coconut  
7           milk), or 100 percent juice, snack and dessert food  
8           items (as described in the supplemental guidance  
9           document of the Food and Nutrition Service, effec-  
10          tive as of March 5, 2018, entitled ‘Accessory Foods  
11          List’),” before “tobacco”.

12          (b) WAIVER OF ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN FOOD.—  
13          Section 11 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7  
14          U.S.C. 2020) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
15          lowing:

16          “(y) WAIVER OF ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN FOOD.—  
17          The Secretary shall permit a State agency, on request of  
18          the State agency, to prohibit the use of benefits to pur-  
19          chase food that the applicable State nutrition agency de-  
20          termines to be unhealthy food.”.