

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WELCH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. MARKEY) 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 “Hot Foods Act of  
5 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. HOT FOOD UNDER SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION AS-**  
2 **SISTANCE PROGRAM.**

3 Section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7  
4 U.S.C. 2012) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (k)(1), by striking “consump-  
6 tion except alcoholic beverages, tobacco, hot foods or  
7 hot food products ready for immediate consumption  
8 other than those authorized pursuant to clauses (3),  
9 (4), (5), (7), (8), and (9) of this subsection” and in-  
10 sserting “consumption, including hot foods or hot  
11 food products ready for immediate consumption and  
12 excluding alcoholic beverages, tobacco”;

13 (2) in subsection (o)(1)—

14 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph  
15 (A), by striking “and consumption” and insert-  
16 ing “or home or immediate consumption”; and

17 (B) in subparagraph (A)—

18 (i) by striking the subparagraph des-  
19 ignation and all that follows through “of-  
20 fers” and inserting the following:

21 “(A)(i) offers”;

22 (ii) in clause (i) (as so designated), by  
23 striking “or” at the end and inserting  
24 “and”; and

25 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
26 lowing:

1           “(ii) of which not more than 50 percent of  
2           the total gross sales are from hot foods or hot  
3           food products ready for immediate consump-  
4           tion; or”; and

5           (3) in subsection (q)(2)—

6           (A) by striking “include accessory” and in-  
7           serting the following: “include—

8           “(A) accessory”;

9           (B) in subparagraph (A) (as so des-  
10          ignated), by striking the period at the end and  
11          inserting “; and”; and

12          (C) by adding at the end the following:

13          “(B) hot foods or hot food products ready  
14          for immediate consumption.”.