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H. R. 7469

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MESSMER (for himself and Mr. GRAY) 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 Online Access
5 Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. PERMANENT AUTHORITY FOR SUPPLEMENTAL NU-**
2 **TRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ONLINE**
3 **PURCHASING.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7 of the Food and Nutri-
5 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2016) is amended by adding
6 at the end the following:

7 “(1) ONLINE PURCHASING PROGRAM.—

8 “(1) PERMANENT AUTHORITY.—Not later than
9 120 days after the effective date of this subsection,
10 the Secretary shall begin transitioning the supple-
11 mental nutrition assistance program online pur-
12 chasing initiative from pilot or demonstration status
13 to permanent nationwide program operations, with
14 the completion of the regulations marking the end of
15 the transition.

16 “(2) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall issue
17 such regulations and guidance as may be necessary
18 to carry out paragraph (1), including provisions re-
19 lated to program integrity, consumer protections,
20 and equitable access. Such regulations shall be
21 issued not later than 2 years after the effective date
22 of this subsection.

23 “(3) STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION.—The Sec-
24 retary shall establish a formal process for consulta-
25 tion with State agencies, authorized retailers, elec-
26 tronic benefit transfer processors, consumer advo-

1 cates, and other relevant stakeholders to incorporate
2 lessons learned from online purchasing operations
3 during the period of 2014 through 2025.

4 “(4) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
5 120 days after the effective date of this subsection,
6 the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Ag-
7 riculture of the House of Representatives and the
8 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
9 of the Senate a report describing the consultation
10 process and recommendations received.”.

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