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To extend eligibility for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) for new moms, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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A BILL

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Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) for new moms, and for other purposes.

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 “Extending WIC for
5 New Moms Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENDING WIC ELIGIBILITY FOR NEW MOMS.**

7 (a) EXTENSION OF POSTPARTUM PERIOD.—Section
8 17(b)(10) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.
9 1786(b)(10)) is amended by striking “six months” and in-
10 serting “24 months”.

11 (b) EXTENSION OF BREASTFEEDING PERIOD.—Sec-
12 tion 17(d)(3)(A)(ii) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966
13 (42 U.S.C. 1786(d)(3)(A)(ii)) is amended by striking “1
14 year” and inserting “24 months”.

15 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
16 of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of Agri-
17 culture shall submit to Congress a report that includes an
18 evaluation of the effect of each of the amendments made
19 by this section on—

20 (1) maternal and infant health outcomes, in-
21 cluding racial and ethnic disparities with respect to
22 such outcomes;

23 (2) breastfeeding rates among postpartum indi-
24 viduals;

1 (3) qualitative evaluations of family experiences
2 under the special supplemental nutrition program
3 under section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966
4 (42 U.S.C. 1786); and

5 (4) other relevant information as determined by
6 the Secretary of Agriculture.

7 (d) POSTPARTUM DEFINED.—The term
8 “postpartum” refers to the 1-year period beginning on the
9 last day of the pregnancy of an individual.

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