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S. 3235

To amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide for food-based interventions.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 20, 2025

Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. KIM, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Disease Intervention
5 through Nutrition Education Act” or the “DINE Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FOOD-BASED INTERVENTIONS.**

7 (a) DEFINITION OF DISEASE PREVENTION AND
8 HEALTH PROMOTION SERVICES.—Section 102(14) of the
9 Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3002(14)) is
10 amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “screen-
 2 ing for eligibility for Federal and non-Federal (in-
 3 cluding community-based) food is medicine programs
 4 and” before “routine”;

5 (2) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “, includ-
 6 ing referrals to Federal and non-Federal (including
 7 community-based) food is medicine programs, if ap-
 8 propriate” after “caregivers”; and

9 (3) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “(includ-
 10 ing from medically tailored meals and produce pre-
 11 scriptions)” after “improved nutrition”.

12 (b) ADMINISTRATION OF NUTRITION SERVICES.—
 13 Section 205(a)(2)(A) of the Older Americans Act of 1965
 14 (42 U.S.C. 3016(a)(2)(A)) is amended—

15 (1) in clause (vi), by inserting “, including the
 16 use of innovative approaches, including food-based
 17 interventions, such as produce prescriptions” after
 18 “systems”; and

19 (2) in clause (viii), by inserting “and innovative
 20 approaches, including intervention programs, such as
 21 produce prescriptions,” after “including strategies”.

22 (c) NUTRITION EDUCATION.—Section 214(2)(C) of
 23 the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3020e(2)(C))
 24 is amended—

- 1 (1) by inserting “interventions and” after
- 2 “other”; and
- 3 (2) by inserting “and referral to food-based
- 4 intervention programs” after “and counseling”.

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