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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 10, 1997

Mr. GOODLATTE (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, and Mr. STENHOLM) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. STATES REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH SYSTEM TO**  
2 **PREVENT PRISONERS FROM BEING CONSID-**  
3 **ERED PART OF ANY HOUSEHOLD UNDER THE**  
4 **FOOD STAMP ACT OF 1977.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 11(e)(20) of the Food  
6 Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2020(e)(20)) is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 “(20) that the State agency shall establish a  
9 system and take action on a periodic basis—

10 “(A) to verify and otherwise assure that an  
11 individual does not receive coupons in more  
12 than one jurisdiction within the State; and

13 “(B) to verify and otherwise assure that an  
14 individual who is officially detained in a correc-  
15 tional, detention, or penal facility administered  
16 under Federal or State law is not considered to  
17 be part of any household participating in the  
18 food stamp program, except to the extent that  
19 the Secretary determines that extraordinary cir-  
20 cumstances have made it impracticable for the  
21 State agency to obtain the information nec-  
22 essary to do so.”.

23 (b) PENALTY.—Section 11(g) of the Food Stamp Act  
24 of 1977 shall apply, in accordance with its terms, to any  
25 failure of a State agency to comply with section  
26 11(e)(20)(B) of such Act.

1           (c)           CONFORMING           AMENDMENT.—Section  
2 11(e)(8)(E) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.  
3 2020(e)(8)(E)) is amended by inserting “or (20)(B)”  
4 after “(16)”.

5           (d) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—The amend-  
6 ments made by this section shall not apply with respect  
7 to certification periods beginning before the end of the 1-  
8 year period that begins with the date of the enactment  
9 of this Act.

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