

105<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3670

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 1, 1998

Mr. MENENDEZ 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,*

3        **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Food Stamp Criminal  
5        Background Check Requirement Act of 1998”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT.**

2 Section 11(e)(20) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7  
3 U.S.C. 2020(e)(20)), as amended by section 1003(a)(1)  
4 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Public Law 105–  
5 33; 111 Stat. 255), is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (A) by striking “and” at  
7 the end,

8 (2) in subparagraph (B) by striking the period  
9 at the end and inserting “; and”, and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(C) through local law enforcement agen-  
12 cies that have access to records and information  
13 available under section 534 of title 28 of the  
14 United States Code, to check the criminal back-  
15 ground of adult members of applicant house-  
16 holds for purposes of—

17 “(i) carrying out the verification re-  
18 quired by subparagraph (B); and

19 “(ii) determining ineligibility under  
20 section 6(k) to participate in the food  
21 stamp program.”.

22 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.**

23 (a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as provided in sub-  
24 section (b), this Act and the amendments made by this  
25 Act shall take effect immediately after the date the  
26 amendment to section 11(e)(20) of the Food Stamp Act

1 of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2020(e)(20)) made by section  
2 1003(a)(1) of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Public  
3 Law 105–33; 111 Stat. 255) takes effect.

4 (b) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—The amend-  
5 ments made by this Act shall apply only with respect to  
6 certification periods beginning after the effective date of  
7 this Act.

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