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S. 388

To amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to assist States in implementing a program to prevent prisoners from receiving food stamps.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 3, 1997

Mr. LUGAR introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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. DENIAL OF FOOD STAMPS FOR PRISONERS.**

4 Section 11 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.
5 2020) is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(q) DENIAL OF FOOD STAMPS FOR PRISONERS.—

7 “(1) COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF IN-
8 FORMATION.—Not later than 180 days after the
9 date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary
10 shall—

1 “(A) collect information on policies and
2 procedures used by States that conduct com-
3 puter matches or other systems to prevent pris-
4 oners from receiving food stamp benefits; and

5 “(B) evaluate, summarize, and disseminate
6 to each State the information collected under
7 paragraph (1) that describes the best practices
8 of the States (including information related to
9 verifying prisoners’ social security numbers with
10 the Social Security Administration).

11 “(2) ASSISTANCE TO STATES.—The Secretary
12 shall assist States, to the extent practicable, in im-
13 plementing a system to conduct computer matches
14 or other systems to prevent prisoners from receiving
15 food stamp benefits.”.

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