

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. _____

To allow the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into self-determination contracts with Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations to carry out supplemental nutrition assistance programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

_____ introduced the following bill; which was read twice
and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Tribal Food Sov-
5 ereignty Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. SELF-DETERMINATION FOR SNAP.**

2 Title I of the Indian Self-Determination Act (25
3 U.S.C. 5321 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
4 the following:

5 **“SEC. 112. SELF-DETERMINATION FOR SNAP.**

6 “(a) AGRICULTURE SELF-DETERMINATION AUTHOR-
7 IZED.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall enter into self-
8 determination contracts, in accordance with subsection
9 (b), with Indian tribes and tribal organizations, upon the
10 request of any Indian tribe by tribal resolution, to plan,
11 conduct, and administer any function, service, or activity
12 of a supplemental nutrition assistance program estab-
13 lished under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
14 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) for the Indian tribe.

15 “(b) SELF-DETERMINATION CONTRACT.—A self-de-
16 termination contract entered into under subsection (a)
17 shall have the same terms and conditions, and be subject
18 to the same procedures, regulations, and requirements, as
19 a self-determination contract entered into under section
20 102, except that the Secretary of Agriculture and the De-
21 partment of Agriculture shall be the appropriate Secretary
22 and agency for purposes of a self-determination contract
23 under this section.

24 “(c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Office of Self-
25 Governance of the Bureau of Indian Affairs shall provide
26 technical assistance regarding the self-determination con-

1 tracts authorized under this section to the Secretary of
2 Agriculture, and to Indian tribes and tribal organizations
3 who request such assistance.”.