

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To maintain 2021 H-2A adverse effect wage rates for calendar year 2022
to stabilize United States food prices.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

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calendar year 2022 to stabilize United States food prices.

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 “Keep Food Local and
5 Affordable Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. STAY OF ADVERSE EFFECT WAGE RATE INCREASES.**

7 (a) PROHIBITION OF MODIFICATION.—The adverse
8 effect wage rate required to be paid under section
9 655.1308 of title 20, Code of Federal Regulations, to non-
10 immigrants admitted under 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) of the

1 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
2 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a)), as in effect on October 1, 2021,
3 shall remain the adverse effect wage rate for such employ-
4 ees through December 31, 2022, in any State—

5 (1) that had an unemployment rate of not more
6 than 5 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor
7 Statistics' August 2021 report; or

8 (2)(A) in which the Food Price Index, accord-
9 ing to the relevant Bureau of Labor Statistics' Con-
10 sumer Price Index reports, increased by more than
11 3 percent between December 2020 and September
12 2021; and

13 (B) whose governor submits a request to the
14 Secretary of Labor not later than December 15,
15 2021, to freeze such adverse effect wage rate with
16 respect to such employees.