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116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Mobilizing Restaurants  
5       in America Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE**  
2 **PROGRAM BENEFITS DURING DECLARED**  
3 **EMERGENCIES TO PURCHASE MEALS FOR IM-**  
4 **MEDIATE CONSUMPTION AND FROZEN**  
5 **PREPACKED MEALS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—During an emergency declared  
7 under the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et  
8 seq.) or the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-  
9 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)—

10 (1) the term “food”, as defined in subsections  
11 (k)(1) and (o) of section 3 of the Food and Nutri-  
12 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012) ,shall be deemed  
13 to include—

14 (A) meals prepared by an approved retail  
15 food store, or approved restaurant, for imme-  
16 diate consumption, and

17 (B) meals frozen prepaced by an ap-  
18 proved retail food store or approved restaurant;  
19 and

20 (2) for purposes of such Act and this Act, the  
21 term “restaurant” means a facility that prepares  
22 and sells food directly to consumers for immediate  
23 consumption.

24 (b) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (a) shall apply to an  
25 approved restaurant during the emergency period notwith-  
26 standing such restaurant’s participation in any State op-

1 tion restaurant program under subparagraph (3),(4), or  
2 (9) of section 3(k) the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008  
3 (7 U.S.C. 2012(k)).