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117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.**

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to stabilize United States food prices.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. STEUBE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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-

1 immigrants admitted under 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) of the  
2 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
3 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a)), as in effect on October 1, 2021,  
4 shall remain the adverse effect wage rate for such employ-  
5 ees through December 31, 2022, in any State—

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

9 (2)(A) in which the Food Price Index, accord-  
10 ing to the relevant Bureau of Labor Statistics' Con-  
11 sumer Price Index reports, increased by more than  
12 3 percent between December 2020 and September  
13 2021; and

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