

## S 1593

Extending WIC for New Moms Act

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 15, 2023

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### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 3305	Related bill	<b>May 19, 2023:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 HR 3332	Related bill	<b>May 15, 2023:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.
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## **Extending WIC for New Moms Act**

This bill amends the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) to extend the eligibility periods for breastfeeding and postpartum women.

Specifically, a state program may elect to certify a breastfeeding woman for up to 24 months (currently 1 year) postpartum. The bill also expands the eligibility period for postpartum women to up to 24 months after termination of pregnancy (currently 6 months).

The Department of Agriculture must submit a report to Congress evaluating the effect of these changes to the WIC program on (1) maternal and infant health outcomes, (2) breastfeeding rates, and (3) qualitative evaluations of family experiences under WIC.

## **Actions Timeline**

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