

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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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; FINDINGS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 **["\_\_\_\_\_ Act of 2024"]**.

1 (b) FINDINGS.—The House of Representatives finds  
2 the following:

3 (1) When an appropriations bill reduces manda-  
4 tory budget authority for a program and uses those  
5 “savings” to offset new discretionary spending, it is  
6 called a “CHIMP” or “change in mandatory pro-  
7 grams”.

8 (2) Shifting taxpayer dollars to the discre-  
9 tionary side of the budget allows Congress to in-  
10 crease discretionary spending without technically  
11 breaking spending caps.

12 (3) CHIMPs should only be used to make  
13 changes in law that produce long term, sustainable  
14 budget savings in mandatory programs.

15 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT WITH RESPECT TO CHANGES IN**  
16 **MANDATORY PROGRAMS.**

17 Section 312 of the Congressional Budget and Im-  
18 poundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 643) is amend-  
19 ed by adding at the end the following new subsection:

20 “(g) POINT OF ORDER IN THE HOUSE OF REP-  
21 RESENTATIVES WITH RESPECT TO CHANGES IN MANDA-  
22 TORY PROGRAMS.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—It shall not be in order in  
24 the House of Representatives to consider a bill or  
25 joint resolution making appropriations for a full fis-

1 cal year that includes a provision that proposes a  
2 change in mandatory programs, or amendment  
3 thereto or conference report thereon.

4 “(2) CHANGE IN MANDATORY PROGRAMS DE-  
5 FINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘change in  
6 mandatory programs’ means a provision that—

7 “(A) would have been estimated as affect-  
8 ing direct spending or receipts under section  
9 252 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
10 Deficit Control Act of 1985 (as in effect prior  
11 to September 30, 2002) if the provision were  
12 included in legislation other than appropriation  
13 Acts; and

14 “(B) results in a net decrease in budget  
15 authority in the budget year, but does not re-  
16 sult in a net decrease in outlays over the total  
17 of the current year, the budget year, and all fis-  
18 cal years covered under the most recently  
19 agreed to concurrent resolution on the budget.”.