

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2419, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. VELÁZQUEZ OF NEW YORK**

After section 2005, insert the following (and make such technical and conforming changes as may be appropriate):

1 SEC. 2006. WIRELESS EBT.

2 Section 7(i)(2) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7
3 U.S.C. 2016(i)(2)) is amended—

4 (1) in the 1st sentence by inserting “(including
5 standards for the approval of a wireless electronic
6 benefit transfer system)” before the period at the
7 end; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following
9 “Not Later than October 1, 2010, each State agency
10 shall implement a wireless electronic benefit transfer
11 system subject to approval under this paragraph, ex-
12 cept that nothing in this sentence shall be construed
13 to require the disruption of existing contractual ar-
14 rangements between State agencies and EBT pro-
15 viders. Any State agency implementing an approved
16 wireless EBT program may apply to the Secretary
17 for and receive up to \$50,000 to assist with the
18 start-up administrative or personnel costs of com-

1 plying with the previous sentence. The Secretary
2 shall encourage State agencies to use these funds to
3 implement a plan to target underserved and low-in-
4 come communities for wireless EBT, and to focus on
5 nonconventional settings such as authorized farmers'
6 markets where locally grown fresh fruits and vegeta-
7 bles are prominent.”.