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H. R. 176

To remove inappropriate limitations on work requirements and to enhance waiver authority for welfare reform demonstration projects for the Food Stamp Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EMERSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Food Stamp Employ-
5 ment and Flexibility Amendments of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF LIMITATIONS ON DURATION OF JOB**

7 **SEARCH.**

8 (a) Section 6(d)(4)(B)(i) of the Food Stamp Act of
9 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015(d)(4)(B)(i)) is amended by striking

1 “with terms and conditions” and all that follows through
2 “the State agency” and inserting in lieu thereof “. The
3 State agency shall establish the duration of job search pe-
4 riods subject to any minimum period established by the
5 Secretary in regulations and”.

6 (b) Section 20(e) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7
7 U.S.C. 2029(e)) is amended by striking “of up to thirty
8 days” and inserting in lieu thereof “for a period estab-
9 lished by the agency”.

10 **SEC. 3. REVISION OF PROHIBITION AGAINST DISPLACING**
11 **EMPLOYEES.**

12 (a) Section 6(d)(4)(B)(iv) of the Food Stamp Act of
13 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015(d)(4)(B)(iv)) is amended by striking
14 clause (III) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
15 “(III) not result in the impairment of existing contracts
16 for services or collective bargaining agreements or the dis-
17 missal of an employee with the intent of replacing that
18 employee with a participant in the employment or training
19 experience program; and”.

20 (b) Section 20(d) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977
21 (7 U.S.C. 2029(d)) is amended by striking clause (1) and
22 inserting in lieu thereof the following: “(1) not provide any
23 work that results in the impairment of existing contracts
24 for services or collective bargaining agreements or the dis-

1 missal of an employee with the intent of replacing that
2 employee with a participant in the workplace program;”.

3 **SEC. 4. AUTHORITY FOR STATE AGENCIES TO INCREASE**
4 **HOURS OF PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY**
5 **WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMS AND**
6 **WORKFARE.**

7 (a) Section 20(b)(2) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977
8 (7 U.S.C. 2029(b)(2)) is amended by—

9 (1) in subparagraph (A), striking “409” and in-
10 sserting in lieu thereof “482(f)”;

11 (2) in subparagraph (A), striking “(42 U.S.C.
12 609)” and inserting in lieu thereof “(42 U.S.C.
13 682(f)”;

14 (3) in clause (i) of subparagraph (A), inserting
15 immediately before the semicolon the following: “and
16 the Federal housing assistance provided to such
17 household for such month, determined in accordance
18 with guidelines established by the Secretary in con-
19 sultation with the Secretary of Housing and Urban
20 Development, and the average monthly cost of pro-
21 viding medical assistance under the State’s plan ap-
22 proved under title XIX of the Social Security Act
23 (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) to a family of the same size
24 as such household”; and

1 (4) in subparagraph (B), striking “120 hours
2 per month” and inserting in lieu thereof “forty
3 hours a week”.

4 (b) Section 20(c) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7
5 U.S.C. 2029(c)) is amended by—

6 (1) striking “thirty” and inserting in lieu there-
7 of “forty”; and

8 (2) inserting after “entitled” the following:
9 “and the Federal housing assistance provided to
10 such household for such month, determined in ac-
11 cordance with guidelines established by the Sec-
12 retary in consultation with the Secretary of Housing
13 and Urban Development, and, for households receiv-
14 ing aid under title XIX of the Social Security Act
15 (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.), the average monthly cost
16 of providing medical assistance under the State’s
17 plan to a family of the size corresponding to the
18 number of members of the household which receives
19 such assistance.”.

20 **SEC. 5. ENHANCED FOOD STAMP PROGRAM WAIVER AU-**
21 **THORITY FOR WELFARE REFORM DEM-**
22 **ONSTRATION PROJECTS.**

23 The second sentence of section 17(b)(1)(A) of the
24 Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2026(b)(1)(A)) is

1 amended by striking “, except that no project” and all
2 that follows through “this Act”.

3 **SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4 The amendments made by this Act shall become ef-
5 fective 60 days after enactment of this Act.

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