

108TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2283

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 2, 2003

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. NORWOOD, and Mr. KING of Iowa) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## 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 “Helpers Job Oppor-  
5 tunity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF DAVIS-BACON ACT.**

7 (a) GENERAL RULE.—Helpers of laborers and me-  
8 chanics shall be considered to be a separate classification  
9 of laborers or mechanics for purposes of subchapter IV

1 of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code (40 U.S.C.  
2 3141 et seq.), commonly known as the Davis-Bacon Act.  
3 A helper of a laborer or mechanic shall be paid the pre-  
4 vailing wage of helpers of laborers or mechanics employed  
5 on projects which are of a character similar to the project  
6 on which the helper is employed and which are in the same  
7 city, town, or other subdivision of the State (or District  
8 of Columbia) in which the helper is employed.

9 (b) DEFINITION.—For purposes of subsection (a),  
10 the term “helper” means a semi-skilled worker (other than  
11 a skilled journeyman mechanic) who—

12 (1) works under the direction of and assists a  
13 journeyman;

14 (2) under the journeyman’s direction and su-  
15 pervision, performs a variety of duties to assist the  
16 journeyman, such as preparing, carrying, and fur-  
17 nishing materials, tools, equipment, and supplies,  
18 maintaining them in order, cleaning and preparing  
19 work areas, lifting, positioning, and holding mate-  
20 rials or tools, and other related semi-skilled tasks as  
21 directed by the journeyman; and

22 (3) may use tools of the trade at and under the  
23 direction and supervision of the journeyman.

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