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To amend the Wagner-Peyser Act to include the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 3, 2025

Ms. KING-HINDS (for herself and Mrs. RADEWAGEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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 “Employment Services
5 and Jobs Parity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE WAGNER-PEYSER ACT.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 2(5) of the Wagner-
8 Peyser Act (29 U.S.C. 49a(5)) is amended by inserting
9 “the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,
10 American Samoa,” after “Guam,”.

1 (b) UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION LAW REQUIRE-
2 MENT.—Section 5(b)(1) of such Act is amended by insert-
3 ing “the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,
4 American Samoa,” after “Guam,”.

5 (c) ALLOTMENTS.—Section 6 of such Act (29 U.S.C.
6 49e) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) by striking “except for Guam” and in-
9 serting “except for Guam, the Commonwealth
10 of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American
11 Samoa”;

12 (B) by striking “first allot to Guam and
13 the Virgin Islands” and inserting the following:
14 “first allot—
15 “(1) to Guam and the Virgin Islands”;

16 (C) by striking the period at the end and
17 inserting “; and”; and

18 (D) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(2) beginning with the first fiscal year for
20 which the total amount available for allotments
21 under this section is greater than the total amount
22 available for allotments under this section for fiscal
23 year 2025, and for each succeeding fiscal year, to
24 each of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
25 Islands and American Samoa, an amount which is

1 equal to one-half of the amount allotted to Guam
2 under paragraph (1) for the corresponding fiscal
3 year.”; and

4 (2) in subsection (b)(1), in the matter following
5 subparagraph (B), by inserting “, the Common-
6 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American
7 Samoa,” after “Guam”.

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