

117TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 8004

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to restore and standardize work requirements for able-bodied adults enrolled in the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 9, 2022

Mr. Rodney Davis of Illinois (for himself, Mr. LaTurner, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Mast, Mr. Guest, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Westerman, Mr. Ellzey, Mr. Joyce of Pennsylvania, Mr. Joyce of Ohio, and Mr. Austin Scott of Georgia) 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 "America Works Act
- 5 of 2022".

1	SEC. 2. RESTORING THE WORK REQUIREMENT FOR ABLE-
2	BODIED ADULTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS IN
3	THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSIST-
4	ANCE PROGRAM.
5	Section 2301 of the Families First Coronavirus Re-
6	sponse Act (Public Law 116-127; 7 U.S.C. 2011 note) is
7	repealed.
8	SEC. 3. STANDARDIZING WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR ABLE-
9	BODIED ADULTS IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL NU-
10	TRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
11	Section 6(o)(3) of the Food and Nutrition Act of
12	2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(o)(3)) is amended to read as follows:
13	"(3) Exception.—Paragraph (2) shall not
14	apply to an individual if the individual is—
15	"(A) under 18 or over 65 years of age;
16	"(B) medically certified as physically or
17	mentally unfit for employment;
18	"(C) a parent or other member of a house-
19	hold with responsibility for a dependent child
20	under 7 years of age;
21	"(D) otherwise exempt under subsection
22	(d)(2); or
23	"(E) a pregnant woman.".

1	SEC. 4. STANDARDIZING ENFORCEMENT OF WORK RE-
2	QUIREMENTS IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRI-
3	TION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
4	Section 6(o)(4) of the Food and Nutrition Act of
5	2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(o)(4)) is repealed.
6	SEC. 5. REFORMING WORK REQUIREMENT EXEMPTIONS IN
7	THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSIST-
8	ANCE PROGRAM.
9	Section 6(o)(6) of the Food and Nutrition Act of
10	2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(o)(6)) is amended—
11	(1) in subparagraph (E) by striking "12 per-
12	cent" and inserting "3 percent", and
13	(2) in subparagraph (G) by inserting "that be-
14	gins before the date of the enactment of the America
15	Works Act of 2022" after "year" the 2d place it ap-
16	pears.
17	SEC. 6. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.
18	Section 16(h)(1))(E)(ii) of the Food and Nutrition
19	Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025(h)(1)(E)(ii) is amended—
20	(1) in subclause (II) by adding "and" at the
21	end,
22	(2) by striking subclause (III), and
23	(3) by redesignating subclause (IV) as sub-
24	clause (III)