

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1581

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2023

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. PFLUGER, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER, Mr. BRECHEEN, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. OGLES, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. ALFORD, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mr. FALLON, Ms. FOXX, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, and Mr. ROSENDALE) 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 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDING WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR ABLE-BOD-**
2 **IED ADULTS IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRI-**
3 **TION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

4 Section 6(o)(3) of the Food and Nutrition Act of
5 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(o)(3)) is amended to read as follows:

6 “(3) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (2) shall not
7 apply to an individual if the individual is—

8 “(A) under 18 or over 65 years of age;

9 “(B) medically certified as physically or
10 mentally unfit for employment;

11 “(C) a parent or other member of a house-
12 hold with responsibility for a dependent child
13 under 7 years of age;

14 “(D) otherwise exempt under subsection
15 (d)(2); or

16 “(E) a pregnant woman.”.

17 **SEC. 3. STANDARDIZING ENFORCEMENT OF WORK RE-**
18 **QUIREMENTS IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRI-**
19 **TION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

20 Section 6(o)(4)(A)(ii) of the Food and Nutrition Act
21 of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(o)(4)(A)(ii)) is repealed.

22 **SEC. 4. ADJUSTING WORK REQUIREMENT EXEMPTIONS IN**
23 **THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSIST-**
24 **ANCE PROGRAM.**

25 Section 6(o)(6) of the Food and Nutrition Act of
26 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(o)(6)) is amended in subparagraph

- 1 (G) by inserting “that begins before the date of the enact-
- 2 ment of the America Works Act of 2023” after “year”
- 3 the second place it appears.

