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H. R. 3321

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 16 (legislative day, NOVEMBER 2), 1993

Received

AN ACT

To provide increased flexibility to States in carrying out
the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

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. INCREASED STATE FLEXIBILITY IN THE LOW-**
4 **INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PRO-**
5 **GRAM.**

6 Section 927 of the Housing and Community Develop-
7 ment Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-550) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)—

9 (A) by striking the parenthetical phrase;

10 and

1 (B) by inserting before the period “, except
2 as provided in subsection (d)”;

3 (2) in subsection (b)—

4 (A) by striking “such” and inserting in
5 lieu thereof “or receiving energy”; and

6 (B) by inserting before the period “for any
7 program in which eligibility or benefits are
8 based on need, except as provided in subsection
9 (d)”;

10 (3) by inserting at the end thereof the following
11 new subsection:

12 “(d) SPECIAL RULE FOR LOW-INCOME HOME EN-
13 ERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—For purposes of the Low-
14 Income Home Energy Assistance Program, tenants de-
15 scribed in subsection (a)(2) who are responsible for paying
16 some or all heating or cooling costs shall not have their
17 eligibility automatically denied. A State may consider the
18 amount of the heating or cooling component of utility al-
19 lowances received by tenants described in subsection
20 (a)(2) when setting benefit levels under the Low-Income
21 Home Energy Assistance Program. The size of any reduc-
22 tion in Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program
23 benefits must be reasonably related to the amount of the
24 heating or cooling component of the utility allowance re-
25 ceived and must ensure that the highest level of assistance

1 will be furnished to those households with the lowest in-
2 comes and the highest energy costs in relation to income,
3 taking into account family size, in compliance with section
4 2605(b)(5) of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance
5 Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8624(b)(5)).”.

Passed the House of Representatives November 15,
1993.

Attest: DONNALD K. ANDERSEN,
Clerk.