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# H. R. 3229

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VENTO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

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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 “Livable Wage Act”.

5       **SEC. 2. WAGES UNDER CONTRACTS.**

6       (a) GENERAL RULE.—No executive agency of the  
7       Government of the United States (as defined in section  
8       105 of title 5, United States Code) may enter into a con-  
9       tract which does not require that the wages paid under  
10      the contract, including wages paid under any subcontract

1 to such contract but not including wages paid in connec-  
2 tion with a bona fide job training or apprenticeship pro-  
3 gram, exceed the poverty line (as defined in section  
4 673(2)) of the Community Service Block Grant Act (42  
5 U.S.C. 9902(2)) for a family of 4 in the area in which  
6 such contract or subcontract will be executed. For pur-  
7 poses of this subsection, the term “wages” includes any  
8 benefits made available with wages such as health insur-  
9 ance.

10 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) does not apply to  
11 contracts between an executive agency and a business en-  
12 tity with 50 or fewer employees.

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