

117TH CONGRESS  
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# 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.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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

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## A BILL

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.

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7 repealed.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5 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(o)(4)) is repealed.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).