

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3321

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

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 20, 1993

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs, Education and Labor, and Energy and Commerce

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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. 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 Reauthorization Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-550)  
8       is amended—

9                       (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) by striking the parenthetical phrase;  
2 and

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

5 (2) in subsection (b)—

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

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

12 (3) by inserting at the end thereof the following  
13 new subsection:

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

1 ing component of the utility allowance received and must  
2 ensure that the highest level of assistance will be provided  
3 to those households with the highest energy burdens in  
4 compliance with section 2605(b)(5) of the Low-Income  
5 Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C.  
6 8624(b)(5)).”.

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