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1ST SESSION

H. R. 1140

To amend the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 to extend energy assistance to households headed by certain senior citizens.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 2009

Mr. WEINER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 to extend energy assistance to households headed by certain senior citizens.

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 “Home Energy Assist-
5 ance Targeted for Seniors Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

7 The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of
8 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8621 et seq.) is amended—

1 (1) in the heading of title XXVI, by inserting
2 **“AND SENIOR”** after **“LOW-INCOME”**;

3 (2) in section 2601, by inserting “and Senior”
4 after “Low-Income”;

5 (3) in section 2603—

6 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (7)
7 through (11) as paragraphs (8) through (12),
8 respectively; and

9 (B) by inserting after paragraph (6) the
10 following new paragraph:

11 “(7) The term ‘low-income household’ includes
12 a household described in section 2605(b)(2)(C).”;

13 (4) in section 2604(d)(2), by striking “(A) and
14 (B)” both places it appears and inserting “(A), (B),
15 and (C)”;

16 (5) in section 2605(b)—

17 (A) in paragraph (2)—

18 (i) by striking “or” at the end of sub-
19 paragraph (A);

20 (ii) by inserting “or” at the end of
21 subparagraph (B); and

22 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
23 lowing new subparagraph:

24 “(C) households with incomes which do not
25 exceed an amount equal to the State median in-

1 come, with at least 50 percent of the household
2 income attributable to persons who are at least
3 65 years old;”;

4 (B) in paragraph (5), by striking “clauses
5 (2)(A) and (2)(B)” and inserting “subpara-
6 graphs (A), (B), and (C) of paragraph (2)”;
7 and

8 (C) in paragraph (8), by striking “clause
9 (2)(B)” and inserting “subparagraphs (B) or
10 (C) of paragraph (2)”;

11 (6) in section 2607A(b), by inserting “and sen-
12 ior” after “to the low-income”; and

13 (7) in section 2607B(a)—

14 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and
15 senior” after “low-income”; and

16 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “fami-
17 lies” and inserting “households”.

18 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING REFERENCES.**

19 Any reference in Federal law or regulations to the
20 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 or to
21 the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance program shall
22 be deemed to be a reference to the Low-Income and Senior
23 Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 or to the Low-In-

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- 1 come and Senior Home Energy Assistance program, as
- 2 appropriate.

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