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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 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:

*Clerk.*