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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON (for herself, Mrs. CARSON, Mr. FILNER, Mr. HILLIARD, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. WATERS, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Mr. WYNN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ONE ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE FOR EACH MEM-**
2 **BER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,**
3 **IF THE EMPLOYEE IS HIRED FROM THE WEL-**
4 **FARE ROLLS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the number of em-
6 ployees permitted by law, rule, or other authority, each
7 Member of the House of Representatives may hire one em-
8 ployee under the Members' Representational Allowance—

9 (1) if, at the time of the employment by the
10 Member, the individual employed is receiving wel-
11 fare; and

12 (2) if, by reason of the employment by the
13 Member, the individual is no longer eligible for wel-
14 fare.

15 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
16 tion may be construed to permit any increase in the
17 amount of funds provided under the Members' Represen-
18 tational Allowance of any Member of the House of Rep-
19 resentatives who hires an employee pursuant to this sec-
20 tion.

21 (c) REGULATIONS.—The Committee on House Over-
22 sight of the House of Representatives shall have authority
23 to prescribe regulations to carry out this section.

24 (d) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section—

1 (1) the term “Member of the House of Rep-
 2 representatives” means a Representative in, or a Dele-
 3 gate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress;
 4 and

5 (2) the term “welfare” means means-tested
 6 public assistance.

7 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY OF JURISDICTION REPRESENTED BY A**
 8 **MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-**
 9 **TIVES TO COUNT EMPLOYMENT IN THE DIS-**
 10 **TRICT OF COLUMBIA OF A WELFARE RECIPI-**
 11 **ENT BY THE MEMBER TOWARD MEETING**
 12 **WELFARE PARTICIPATION RATE REQUIRE-**
 13 **MENT APPLICABLE TO THE JURISDICTION.**

14 Section 407(b) of the Social Security Act, as amend-
 15 ed by section 103(a), and as in effect pursuant to section
 16 116, of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity
 17 Reconciliation Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 607(b)) is amended
 18 by adding at the end the following:

19 “(6) SPECIAL RULE RELATING TO COUNTING
 20 OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN THE DISTRICT OF CO-
 21 LUMBIA BY A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REP-
 22 RESENTATIVES.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If a Member of the
 24 House of Representatives employs in the Dis-
 25 trict of Columbia a recipient of assistance under

1 a program funded under this part, then for so
2 long as the State represented by the Member
3 elects to treat the recipient as a member of a
4 family in that State for purposes of paragraphs
5 (1)(B) and (2)(B), the recipient shall be so
6 treated by only that State.

7 “(B) MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REP-
8 REPRESENTATIVES DEFINED.—As used in subpara-
9 graph (A), the term ‘Member of the House of
10 Representatives’ means a Representative in, or
11 a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the
12 Congress.”.

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