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H. R. 1012

To provide for the creation of an additional category of laborers or mechanics known as helpers under the Davis-Bacon Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 4, 1999

Mr. NORWOOD (for himself, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. PAUL, Mr. SCHAFER, and Mr. TALENT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Helpers Job Oppor-
5 tunity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF DAVIS-BACON ACT.**

7 (a) GENERAL RULE.—Helpers of laborers and me-
8 chanics shall be considered to be a separate classification

1 of laborers or mechanics for purposes of the Act of March
2 3, 1931 (commonly known as the “Davis-Bacon Act”) (40
3 U.S.C. 276a et seq.). A helper of a laborer or mechanic
4 shall be paid the prevailing wage of helpers of laborers
5 or mechanics employed on projects which are of a char-
6 acter similar to the project on which the helper is em-
7 ployed and which are in the same city, town, or other sub-
8 division of the State (or District of Columbia) in which
9 the helper is employed.

10 (b) DEFINITION.—For purposes of subsection (a),
11 the term “helper” means a semi-skilled worker (other than
12 a skilled journeyman mechanic) who—

13 (1) works under the direction of and assists a
14 journeyman;

15 (2) under the journeyman’s direction and su-
16 pervision, performs a variety of duties to assist the
17 journeyman such as preparing, carrying, and fur-
18 nishing materials, tools, equipment, and supplies,
19 maintaining them in order, cleaning and preparing
20 work areas, lifting, positioning, and holding mate-
21 rials or tools, and other related semi-skilled tasks as
22 directed by the journeyman; and

23 (3) may use tools of the trade at and under the
24 direction and supervision of the journeyman.

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