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H. R. 3405

To amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to increase the nutritional assistance block grant for Puerto Rico; and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 5, 2001

Mr. ACEVEDO-VILÁ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Fair Nutrition for
5 American Citizens Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONSOLIDATED BLOCK GRANTS AND ADMINISTRA-**
7 **TIVE FUNDS.**

8 (a) CONSOLIDATED FUNDING.—Section 19(a)(1) of
9 the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2028(a)(1)) is
10 amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

2 (A) by striking “the Commonwealth of
3 Puerto Rico” and inserting “governmental enti-
4 ties specified in subparagraph (D)”;

5 (B) in clause (ii), by striking “and” at the
6 end; and

7 (C) by striking clause (iii) and all that fol-
8 lows and inserting the following:

9 “(iii) for fiscal year 2002, \$1,356,000,000; and

10 “(iv) for each of fiscal years 2003 through
11 2006, the amount provided in clause (iii), as ad-
12 justed by the sum of 2 percent and the percentage
13 by which the thrifty food plan has been adjusted
14 under section 3(o)(4) between June 30, 2001, and
15 June 30 of the immediately preceding fiscal year;

16 to pay the expenditures for nutrition assistance programs
17 for needy persons as described in subparagraphs (B) and
18 (C).”;

19 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

20 (A) by striking “(B) The” and inserting
21 the following:

22 “(B) MAXIMUM PAYMENTS TO COMMON-
23 WEALTH OF PUERTO RICO.—

24 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The”;

1 (B) by inserting “of Puerto Rico” after
2 “Commonwealth” each place it appears; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(ii) EXCEPTION FOR EXPENDITURES
5 FOR CERTAIN SYSTEMS.—Notwithstanding
6 subparagraph (A) and clause (i), the Com-
7 monwealth of Puerto Rico may spend not
8 more than \$6,000,000 of the amount re-
9 quired to be paid to the Commonwealth for
10 fiscal year 2002 under subparagraph (A)
11 to pay 100 percent of the costs of—

12 “(I) upgrading and modernizing
13 the electronic data processing system
14 used to carry out nutrition assistance
15 programs for needy persons; and

16 “(II) implementing systems to
17 simplify the determination of eligi-
18 bility to receive that nutrition assist-
19 ance.”; and

20 (3) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(C) AMERICAN SAMOA.—For each fiscal
22 year, the Secretary shall reserve 0.4 percent of
23 the funds made available under subparagraph
24 (A) for payment to American Samoa to pay 100
25 percent of the expenditures for a nutrition as-

1 sistance program extended under section 601(c)
2 of Public Law 96–597 (48 U.S.C. 1469d(c)).

3 “(D) GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.—A govern-
4 mental entity specified in this subparagraph
5 is—

6 “(i) the Commonwealth of Puerto
7 Rico; and

8 “(ii) for fiscal year 2003 and each fis-
9 cal year thereafter, American Samoa.”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 24 of the
11 Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2033) is repealed.

12 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
14 graph (2), the amendments made by this section
15 take effect on October 1, 2002.

16 (2) EXCEPTION FOR EXPENDITURES FOR CER-
17 TAIN SYSTEMS.—The amendments made by sub-
18 section (a)(2) take effect on the date of enactment
19 of this Act.

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