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# H. R. 1898

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 30, 2003

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 the Workforce, 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

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## 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 Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Home Energy Assistance Targeted for Seniors Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

7       The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 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).”;

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-

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

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