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H. R. 1187

To authorize the extension of the supplemental security income program
to American Samoa.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2005

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To authorize the extension of the supplemental security
income program to American Samoa.

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. AUTHORITY TO EXTEND THE SSI PROGRAM TO**

4 **AMERICAN SAMOA.**

5 Title XVI of the Social Security Act, as in effect pur-
6 suant to the amendment made by section 301 of the Social
7 Security Amendments of 1972, (42 U.S.C. 1381–1383f)
8 is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“PART C—AUTHORITY TO EXTEND SSI TO**
2 **AMERICAN SAMOA**

3 **“SEC. 1641. AUTHORITY TO EXTEND SSI TO AMERICAN**
4 **SAMOA.**

5 “(a) AUTHORITY TO EXTEND PROGRAM.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (3),
7 the Commissioner of Social Security may extend the
8 supplemental security income program under this
9 title (in this section referred to as the ‘SSI pro-
10 gram’) to any territory, and, to the extent so ex-
11 tended, shall carry out the SSI program in coopera-
12 tion with the government of the territory, in accord-
13 ance with a memorandum of understanding between
14 the government of the territory and the Commis-
15 sioner of Social Security.

16 “(2) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—Subject to para-
17 graph (3), the Commissioner of Social Security may
18 waive or modify any statutory requirement relating
19 to the provision of benefits under the SSI program
20 in a territory, to the extent that the Commissioner
21 deems it necessary in order to adapt the program to
22 the needs of the territory.

23 “(3) CONGRESSIONAL NOTICE REQUIRED.—Not
24 less than 60 days before extending the SSI program
25 to a territory under paragraph (1) or waiving or
26 modifying a statutory requirement under paragraph

1 (2), the Commissioner of Social Security shall notify
2 the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of
3 Representatives and the Committee on Finance of
4 the Senate of the proposed action together with an
5 explanation of why the action is necessary and the
6 anticipated benefits to the territory involved.

7 “(b) PROGRAM REVIEW.—The Commissioner of So-
8 cial Security shall provide for the review of the SSI pro-
9 gram, to the extent extended under this section.

10 “(c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Commissioner
11 of Social Security may provide technical assistance with
12 respect to the extension of the SSI program under this
13 section.

14 “(d) TERRITORY DEFINED.—In this section, the
15 term ‘territory’ means American Samoa.”

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