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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to satisfy certain staffing requirements relating to low-income home energy assistance, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GOTTHEIMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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. MINIMUM STAFFING REQUIREMENTS FOR LOW-**
2 **INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE.**

3 The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of
4 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8621 et seq.) is amended by adding at
5 the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 2613. STAFFING.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall employ at
8 least 20 staff who carry out this title.

9 “(b) LIMITATION ON EMPLOYMENT OF CONTRAC-
10 TORS.—Except as provided in subsection (c)(2), no more
11 than 40 percent of staff who carry out this title may be
12 contractors.

13 “(c) EMERGENCY STAFFING.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an emer-
15 gency determined under section 2603(1)(C), (E),
16 (F), or (G), the Secretary shall employ at least 30
17 staff who carry out this title during the period—

18 “(A) beginning not later than 45 days
19 after the date of such determination; and

20 “(B) ending no earlier than 180 days after
21 the date of such determination.

22 “(2) EMPLOYMENT OF CONTRACTORS.—The
23 Secretary may hire contractors to comply with the
24 requirements of paragraph (1) in a number that ex-
25 ceeds the limitation set forth in subsection (b).”.