

4

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1227, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. HENSARLING OF TEXAS**

At the end of title III, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 308. WORK REQUIREMENT.**

2 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in paragraph
3 (2), each individual who is 18 years of age or older and
4 is a member of a household residing in a dwelling for
5 which rental assistance is provided pursuant to an exten-
6 sion or authorization of rental assistance provided under
7 this title shall, as a condition of the continued provision
8 of such assistance on behalf of such household, perform
9 not fewer than 20 hours of approved work activities (as
10 such term is defined in section 407(d) of the Social Secu-
11 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 607(d))) per week .

12 (b) **EXEMPTION.**—The Secretary of Housing and
13 Urban Development shall provide an exemption from the
14 applicability of paragraph (1) for any individual who—

15 (1) is 62 years of age or older;

16 (2) is a blind or disabled individual, as defined
17 under section 216(i)(1) or 1614 of the Social Secu-
18 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 416(i)(1); 1382c), and who is
19 unable to comply with this section, or is a primary
20 caretaker of such individual;

1 (3) is engaged in a work activity (as such term
2 is defined in section 407(d) of the Social Security
3 Act (42 U.S.C. 607(d)), as in effect on and after
4 July 1, 1997));

5 (4) meets the requirements for being exempted
6 from having to engage in a work activity under the
7 State program funded under part A of title IV of the
8 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) or under
9 any other welfare program of the State in which the
10 public housing agency administering rental assist-
11 ance described in subsection (a) is located, including
12 a State-administered welfare-to-work program;

13 (5) is in a family receiving assistance under a
14 State program funded under part A of title IV of the
15 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) or under
16 any other welfare program of the State in which the
17 public housing agency administering such rental as-
18 sistance is located, including a State-administered
19 welfare-to-work program, and has not been found by
20 the State or other administering entity to be in non-
21 compliance with such program; or

22 (6) is a single custodial parent caring for a
23 child who has not attained 6 years of age, and the
24 individual proves that the individual has a dem-
25 onstrated inability (as determined by the State) to

1 obtain needed child care, for one or more of the fol-
2 lowing reasons:

3 (A) Unavailability of appropriate child care
4 within a reasonable distance from the individ-
5 ual's home or work site.

6 (B) Unavailability or unsuitability of infor-
7 mal child care by a relative or under other ar-
8 rangements.

9 (C) Unavailability of appropriate and af-
10 fordable formal child care arrangements.

11 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—A public housing agency pro-
12 viding rental assistance described in subsection (a) may
13 administer the work activities requirement under this sec-
14 tion directly, through a resident organization, or through
15 a contractor having experience in administering work ac-
16 tivities programs within the service area of the public
17 housing agency. The Secretary may establish qualifica-
18 tions for such organizations and contractors.

19 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
20 are authorized to be appropriated, from any amounts
21 made available before the date of the enactment of this
22 Act under any provision of law to the Federal Emergency
23 Management Agency for disaster relief under the Robert
24 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
25 relating to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina, Rita,

1 or Wilma that remain unobligated, such sums as may be
2 necessary for the Secretary of Housing and Urban Devel-
3 opment to carry out this section.