

AMENDMENT TO *HR 2419*
OFFERED BY *Mr. Hensarling*

At an appropriate place, insert the following (and make such technical and conforming changes as may be appropriate):

1 **SEC. AMENDMENT RELATING TO WORK REQUIRE-**
2 **MENT.**

3 Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7
4 U.S.C. 2015(o)) is amended to read as follows:

5 “(o) WORK REQUIREMENT.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
7 graph (2), no individual who is 18 years of age shall
8 be eligible to participate in the Secure Supplemental
9 Nutrition Assistance Program as a member of a
10 household for any month unless such individual per-
11 forms not less than 20 hours of approved work ac-
12 tivities (as such term is defined in section 407(d) of
13 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 607(d))) per
14 week averaged monthly.

15 “(2) EXEMPTION.—The Secretary of Agri-
16 culture shall provide an exemption from the applica-
17 bility of paragraph (1) for any individual who—

18 “(A) is 62 years of age or older;

1 “(B) is a blind or disabled individual, as
2 defined under section 216(i)(1) or 1614 of the
3 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 416(i)(1);
4 1382c), and who is unable to comply with this
5 subsection, or is a primary caretaker of such in-
6 dividual;

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

11 “(D) meets the requirements for being ex-
12 empted from having to engage in a work activ-
13 ity under the State program funded under part
14 A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42
15 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) or under any other welfare
16 program of the State in which the public hous-
17 ing agency administering rental assistance de-
18 scribed in subsection (a) is located, including a
19 State-administered welfare-to-work program;

20 “(E) is in a family receiving assistance
21 under a State program funded under part A of
22 title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
23 601 et seq.) or under any other welfare pro-
24 gram of the State in which the public housing
25 agency administering such rental assistance is

1 located, including a State-administered welfare-
2 to-work program, and has not been found by
3 the State or other administering entity to be in
4 noncompliance with such program; or

5 “(F) is a single custodial parent caring for
6 a child who has not attained 6 years of age,
7 and the individual proves that the individual
8 has a demonstrated inability (as determined by
9 the State) to obtain needed child care, for one
10 or more of the following reasons:

11 “(i) Unavailability of appropriate
12 child care within a reasonable distance
13 from the individual’s home or work site.

14 “(ii) Unavailability or unsuitability of
15 informal child care by a relative or under
16 other arrangements.

17 “(iii) Unavailability of appropriate
18 and affordable formal child care arrange-
19 ments.”.