

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2419, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. ELLISON OF MINNESOTA**

Page 306, after line 20, insert the following (and make such technical and conforming changes as may be appropriate):

1 **SEC. 4005. STATE OPTION TO PROVIDE FOOD ASSISTANCE**
2 **TO FOSTER COMMUNITY REINTEGRATION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6 of the Food Stamp Act
4 of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015) is amended by adding at the end
5 the following:

6 “(p) STATE OPTION TO PROVIDE FOOD ASSISTANCE
7 TO FOSTER COMMUNITY REINTEGRATION.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section
9 115(a) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Op-
10 portunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (21 U.S.C.
11 862a(a)), except as provided in paragraph (2), sec-
12 tion 115(a) of that Act shall not apply in the case
13 of benefits under the food stamp program or any
14 State program carried out under this Act.

15 “(2) STATE OPTIONS.—

16 “(A) LIMITATION ON RECEIPT OF FOOD
17 STAMP BENEFITS.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A State may elect
2 to exempt any or all individuals domiciled
3 in the State from paragraph (1), or limit
4 the period for which that paragraph shall
5 apply, by specific reference in a law en-
6 acted on or after the date of enactment of
7 this subsection.

8 “(ii) STATE LAW.—

9 “(I) ENACTED BEFORE EFFEC-
10 TIVE DATE.—If a State law described
11 in clause (i) is enacted before the ef-
12 fective date of this subsection, clause
13 (i) shall apply to conduct occurring
14 after August 22, 1996, to the extent
15 provided in the State law.

16 “(II) ENACTED ON OR AFTER
17 EFFECTIVE DATE.—If a State law de-
18 scribed in clause (i) is enacted on or
19 after the effective date of this sub-
20 section, clause (i) shall apply to con-
21 duct occurring on or after the date of
22 enactment of that law to the extent
23 provided in the State law.

24 “(B) CONTINUATION OF ALLOWING RE-
25 CEIPT OF FOOD STAMP BENEFITS.—In the case

1 of a State that prior to the effective date of this
2 subsection made an election under section
3 115(d)(1) of the Personal Responsibility and
4 Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996
5 (21 U.S.C. 862a(d)(1)), the State may continue
6 to apply that election in accordance with that
7 law.”.

8 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) takes effect on the date that is 180 days
10 after the date of enactment of this Act.