

110TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 6538

To provide funding for home energy assistance under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 and the Weatherization Assistance Program for Low-Income Persons established under part A of title IV of the Energy Conservation and Production Act.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 17, 2008

Ms. SHEA-PORTER (for herself, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. HODES, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. LANGEVIN, and Mr. WELCH of Vermont) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor and Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To provide funding for home energy assistance under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 and the Weatherization Assistance Program for Low-Income Persons established under part A of title IV of the Energy Conservation and Production Act.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Home Energy Assist-  
3 ance Through Emergency Relief Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE APPRO-**  
5 **PRIATIONS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any amounts ap-  
7 propriated under any other provision of Federal law, there  
8 is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not oth-  
9 erwise appropriated, for fiscal year 2008—

10 (1) \$2,000,000,000 (to remain available until  
11 expended) for making payments under subsections  
12 (a) through (d) of section 2604 of the Low-Income  
13 Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C.  
14 8623); and

15 (2) \$7,000,000,000 (to remain available until  
16 expended) for making payments under section  
17 2604(e) of the Low-Income Home Energy Assist-  
18 ance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8623(e)), notwith-  
19 standing the designation requirement of section  
20 2602(e) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 8621(e)).

21 (b) EMERGENCY REQUIREMENT.—The amount pro-  
22 vided under this section is designated as an emergency re-  
23 quirement and necessary to meet emergency needs, pursu-  
24 ant to section 204 of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress),  
25 the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year  
26 2008.

1 **SEC. 3. WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR**  
2 **LOW-INCOME PERSONS.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—In addition to any amounts ap-  
4 propriated under any other provision of Federal law, there  
5 is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not oth-  
6 erwise appropriated, for fiscal year 2008 \$1,000,000,000  
7 to carry out the Weatherization Assistance Program for  
8 Low-Income Persons established under part A of title IV  
9 of the Energy Conservation and Production Act (42  
10 U.S.C. 6861 et seq.).

11 (b) **EMERGENCY REQUIREMENT.**—The amount pro-  
12 vided under this section is designated as an emergency re-  
13 quirement and necessary to meet emergency needs pursu-  
14 ant to section 204 of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress),  
15 the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year  
16 2008.

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