

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 8884
OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF MISSOURI**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Removing Barriers to
3 Work for Disabled Americans Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. TEMPORARY REAUTHORIZATION OF DISABILITY IN-
5 SURANCE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AU-
6 THORITY.**

7 (a) **TERMINATION DATE.**—Section 234(d)(2) of the
8 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 434(d)(2)) is amended by
9 striking “December 31, 2021, and the authority to carry
10 out such projects shall terminate on December 31, 2022”
11 and inserting “December 31, 2030, and the authority to
12 carry out such projects shall terminate on December 31,
13 2031”.

14 (b) **AUTHORITY TO WAIVE COMPLIANCE WITH BEN-
15 EFITS REQUIREMENTS.**—Section 234(c) of such Act (42
16 U.S.C. 434(c)) is amended—

17 (1) by striking “December 30, 2021” and in-
18 serting “December 31, 2030”;

1 (2) by striking “90 days” and inserting “120
2 days”; and

3 (3) by inserting after “the expected annual and
4 total costs,” the following: “evaluation metrics to be
5 used with respect to the experiment or demonstra-
6 tion project,”.

7 (c) EXPENDITURE.—Section 201(k) of such Act (42
8 U.S.C. 401(k)) is amended to read as follows:

9 “(k) Administrative expenditures for experiments and
10 demonstration projects under section 234 shall be paid
11 from funds made available for the administration of this
12 title. Benefits payable to or on behalf of individuals by
13 reason of participation in experiments and demonstration
14 projects under section 234 shall be made from the Federal
15 Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund or the Fed-
16 eral Disability Insurance Trust Fund, as determined ap-
17 propriate by the Commissioner of Social Security.”.

18 (d) LIMITATION.—Section 234(e) of such Act (42
19 U.S.C. 434(e)) is amended—

20 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking the “and” at
21 the end;

22 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at
23 the end and inserting “; and”; and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(4) that the total income of an individual will
2 not be reduced due to the individual’s participation
3 in an experiment or demonstration project.”.

4 (e) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 234 of such
5 Act (42 U.S.C. 434) is further amended—

6 (1) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “sub-
7 section” and inserting “section”; and

8 (2) by striking subsection (f).

9 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
10 this section shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

