

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 681 (Substitute for House Bill No. 177 by Representative Moreno)

BY REPRESENTATIVES MORENO, BAGNERIS, COX, GLOVER, HALL, JACKSON,
JAMES, TERRY LANDRY, MARCELLE, MARINO, NORTON, PIERRE, AND
SMITH AND SENATOR BISHOP

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 46:233.3 and to repeal R.S. 46:233.2 and 237(D), relative to eligibility for
3 benefits of certain public assistance programs; to provide relative to Supplemental
4 Nutrition Assistance Program eligibility; to provide relative to eligibility for cash
5 assistance funded through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program;
6 to provide for eligibility for such programs of persons convicted of certain drug-
7 related felonies; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 46:233.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §233.3. Individuals convicted of certain felonies; eligibility for assistance

11 As authorized by 21 U.S.C. 862a(d)(1), this state hereby exempts all
12 individuals domiciled in the state from the application of the prohibition provided
13 in 21 U.S.C. 862a(a) on eligibility for the following assistance programs and
14 benefits:

15 (1) Cash benefits under any state program funded under Part A of Title IV
16 of the Social Security Act.

17 (2) Benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program as defined
18 in Section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 or any state program carried out
19 under that Act.

1 Section 2. R.S. 46:233.2 and 237(D) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

2 Section 3. This Act shall become effective October 1, 2017.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____