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# H. R. 1319

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2025

Mr. KILEY of California (for himself, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. MESSMER, and Mr. OGLES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING EMPLOYEE STA-**  
4 **TUS.**

5 (a) CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING EMPLOYEE STATUS  
6 UNDER THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT.—Section 3(e)  
7 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C.  
8 203(e)) is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), and  
2           (4) as paragraphs (3), (4), and (5), respectively;

3           (2) in paragraph (1), by striking “paragraphs  
4           (2), (3), and (4)” and inserting “paragraphs (3),  
5           (4), and (5)”; and

6           (3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-  
7           lowing:

8           “(2)(A) An individual shall be determined to be  
9           an independent contractor rather than an employee  
10          of another person if—

11               “(i) such other person does not exercise  
12               significant control over the details of the way  
13               the work is performed by the individual, with-  
14               out regard to any control the other person may  
15               exercise over the final result of the work per-  
16               formed; and

17               “(ii) while performing such work, the indi-  
18               vidual has the opportunities and risks inherent  
19               with entrepreneurship, such as the discretion to  
20               exercise managerial skill, business acumen, or  
21               professional judgment.

22           “(B) The following factors may not be used in  
23           determining that an individual is an employee of an-  
24           other person:

1           “(i) Whether such other person requires  
2 the individual to comply with legal, statutory,  
3 or regulatory requirements.

4           “(ii) Whether such other person requires  
5 the individual to comply with health and safety  
6 standards that are more stringent than other-  
7 wise applicable health and safety standards.

8           “(iii) Whether such other person requires  
9 the individual to carry insurance of any kind.

10           “(iv) Whether such other person requires  
11 the individual to meet contractually agreed-  
12 upon performance standards, such as dead-  
13 lines.”.

14 **SEC. 2. EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION UNDER THE NATIONAL**  
15 **LABOR RELATIONS ACT.**

16           Section 2(3) of the National Labor Relations Act (29  
17 U.S.C. 152(3)) is amended—

18           (1) by striking “(3) The term ‘employee’ shall”  
19 and inserting the following:

20           “(3)(A) The term ‘employee’ shall”; and

21           (2) by adding at the end the following:

22           “(B) Section 3(e)(2) of the Fair Labor  
23 Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203(e)(2))  
24 shall be used in determining whether an indi-

1           vidual is an independent contractor or an em-  
2           ployee of another person.”.

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