AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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

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

(2) Benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program as defined in Section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 or any state program carried out under that Act.
Section 2. R.S. 46:233.2 and 237(D) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

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: ____________________