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Text of H.R. 160: Social Security Fairness for the Terminally Ill Act of 2011

Jan 5, 2011 - Introduced in House. This is the original text of the bill as it was written by its sponsor and submitted to the House for consideration. This is the latest version of the bill currently available on GovTrack.

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To amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the five-month waiting period in the disability insurance program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 5, 2011

Mr. SHULER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the five-month waiting period in the disability insurance program, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the 'Social Security Fairness for the Terminally Ill Act of 2011'.

SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF TITLE II WAITING PERIOD FOR TERMINALLY ILL INDIVIDUALS.

(a) In General- Section 223(a)(1) of the Social Security Act ([42 U.S.C. 423\(a\)\(1\)](#)) is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: 'In the case of any application for disability insurance benefits filed by an individual who is determined to be under a disability and who has been certified as terminally ill by a physician (as defined in section 1861(r)(1)), this paragraph shall be applied without regard to any waiting period. For the purposes of the preceding sentence, an individual is considered to be terminally ill if the individual has a medical prognosis that the individual's life expectancy is 6 months or less.'

(b) Effective Date- The amendment made by this section shall take effect with respect to applications filed after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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