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# H. R. 3585

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

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Social Security Entitle-  
5 ment Reform Amendments of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRADUAL INCREASE IN RETIREMENT AGE TO AGE**  
2 **70 BY THE YEAR 2029.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 216(l) of the Social Secu-  
4 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 416(l)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking subparagraphs (B) through (E)  
6 of paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

7 “(B) with respect to an individual who attains  
8 early retirement age after December 31, 1999, and  
9 before January 1, 2029, 65 years of age plus the  
10 number of months in the age increase factor (as de-  
11 termined under paragraph (3)) for the calendar year  
12 in which such individual attains early retirement  
13 age; and

14 “(C) with respect to an individual who attains  
15 early retirement age after December 31, 2028, 70  
16 years of age.”;  
17 and

18 (2) by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the  
19 following:

20 “(3) The age increase factor for any individual who  
21 attains early retirement age in the 30-year period consist-  
22 ing of calendar years 2000 through 2029 shall be equal  
23 to  $\frac{2}{12}$  of the number of months in the period beginning  
24 with January 2000 and ending with December of the year  
25 in which the individual attains early retirement age.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
2 this section shall apply with respect to benefits of individ-  
3 uals attaining early retirement age (as defined in section  
4 216(l)(2) of the Social Security Act) after 1999.

5 **SEC. 3. REDUCTIONS IN BENEFITS FOR EARLY RETIRE-**  
6 **MENT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 202(q)(1) of the Social  
8 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(q)(1)) is amended to read  
9 as follows:

10 “(q)(1) If the first month for which an individual is  
11 entitled to an old-age, wife’s, husband’s, widow’s, widow-  
12 er’s, mother’s, or father’s insurance benefit is a month be-  
13 fore the month in which such individual attains retirement  
14 age, the amount of such benefit for such month and for  
15 any subsequent month shall, subject to the succeeding  
16 paragraphs of this subsection, be reduced by a percentage  
17 of such amount, consisting of the sum of the primary re-  
18 duction percentage for such benefit and (if any) the sec-  
19 ond, third, and fourth reduction percentages for such ben-  
20 efit, determined as follows:

21 “(A) The primary reduction percentage for a  
22 benefit is the product derived by multiplying—

23 “(i) the monthly reduction percentage for  
24 such benefit for the primary reduction phase for  
25 such benefit, by

1           “(ii) the number of months in such pri-  
2           mary reduction phase.

3           “(B) The second reduction percentage for such  
4           benefit is the product derived by multiplying—

5           “(i) the monthly reduction percentage for  
6           such benefit for the second reduction phase for  
7           such benefit, by

8           “(ii) the number of months in such second  
9           reduction phase.

10          “(C) The third reduction percentage for such  
11          benefit is the product derived by multiplying—

12          “(i) the monthly reduction percentage for  
13          such benefit for the third reduction phase for  
14          such benefit, by

15          “(ii) the number of months in such third  
16          reduction phase.

17          “(D) The fourth reduction percentage for such  
18          benefit is the product derived by multiplying—

19          “(i) the monthly reduction percentage for  
20          such benefit for the fourth reduction phase for  
21          such benefit, by

22          “(ii) the number of months in such fourth  
23          reduction phase.”.

1 (b) REDUCTION PHASES AND REDUCTION PERCENT-  
2 AGES FOR SUCH PHASES.—Section 202(q) of such Act  
3 (42 U.S.C. 402(q)) is further amended—

4 (1) by striking paragraph (9);

5 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (6), (7), and  
6 (8) as paragraphs (7), (8), and (9), respectively; and

7 (3) by inserting after paragraph (5) the follow-  
8 ing new paragraph:

9 “(6)(A) For purposes of this subsection—

10 “(i) in the case of an old-age insurance bene-  
11 fit—

12 “(I) the primary reduction phase consists  
13 of the last 36 months of the reduction period  
14 (determined under paragraph (7)), and the  
15 monthly reduction percentage for such phase is  
16  $\frac{5}{9}$  of 1 percent,

17 “(II) the second reduction phase consists  
18 of the months in such reduction period, not ex-  
19 ceeding 12 in number, which precede the pri-  
20 mary reduction phase, and the monthly reduc-  
21 tion percentage for such phase is  $\frac{5}{12}$  of 1 per-  
22 cent,

23 “(III) the third reduction phase consists of  
24 the months in such reduction period, not ex-  
25 ceeding 24 in number, which precede the second

1 reduction phase, and the monthly reduction per-  
2 centage for such phase is  $\frac{1}{3}$  of 1 percent, and

3 “(IV) the fourth reduction phase consists  
4 of the months in such reduction period which  
5 precede the third reduction phase, and the  
6 monthly reduction percentage for such phase is  
7  $\frac{7}{24}$  of 1 percent,

8 “(ii) in the case of a wife’s or husband’s insur-  
9 ance benefit—

10 “(I) the primary reduction phase consists  
11 of the last 36 months in the reduction period  
12 (determined under paragraph (7)), and the  
13 monthly reduction percentage for such phase is  
14  $\frac{25}{36}$  of 1 percent,

15 “(II) the second reduction phase consists  
16 of the months in such reduction period, not ex-  
17 ceeding 12 in number, which precede the pri-  
18 mary reduction phase, and the monthly reduc-  
19 tion percentage for such phase is  $\frac{5}{12}$  of 1 per-  
20 cent,

21 “(III) the third reduction phase consists of  
22 the months in such reduction period, not ex-  
23 ceeding 24 in number, which precede the second  
24 reduction phase, and the monthly reduction per-  
25 centage for such phase is  $\frac{1}{3}$  of 1 percent, and

1           “(IV) the fourth reduction phase consists  
2 of the months in such reduction period which  
3 precede the third reduction phase, and the  
4 monthly reduction percentage for such phase is  
5  $\frac{7}{24}$  of 1 percent, and

6           “(iii) in the case of a widow’s, widower’s, moth-  
7 er’s, or father’s insurance benefit—

8           “(I) the primary reduction phase consists  
9 of the last 60 months in such reduction period  
10 (determined under paragraph (7)), and the  
11 monthly reduction percentage for such phase is  
12  $\frac{19}{40}$  of 1 percent,

13           “(II) the second reduction phase consists  
14 of the months in such reduction period, not ex-  
15 ceeding 12 in number, which precede the pri-  
16 mary reduction phase, and the monthly reduc-  
17 tion percentage for such phase is  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1 per-  
18 cent,

19           “(III) the third reduction phase consists of  
20 the months in such reduction period, not ex-  
21 ceeding 12 in number, which precede the second  
22 reduction phase, and the monthly reduction per-  
23 centage for such phase is  $\frac{5}{24}$  of 1 percent, and

24           “(IV) the fourth reduction phase consists  
25 of the months in such reduction period which

1 precede the third reduction phase, and the  
2 monthly reduction percentage for such phase is  
3  $\frac{1}{6}$  of 1 percent.

4 “(B) Effective with any individual’s benefit (i) for the  
5 month in which such individual attains age 62, and (ii)  
6 for the month in which such individual attains retirement  
7 age (as defined in section 216(l)) and for each month (if  
8 earlier) in which such individual attains age 65, 66, 67,  
9 68, or 69, if the number of months in the adjusted reduc-  
10 tion period for such benefit (determined under paragraph  
11 (8) as of the end of such month) is less than the number  
12 of months in the reduction period (determined under para-  
13 graph (7)), then each reference to the reduction period  
14 in subparagraph (A) shall be deemed a reference to such  
15 adjusted reduction period (as so determined).”.

16 (c) ADJUSTMENT TO MOTHER’S AND FATHER’S IN-  
17 SURANCE BENEFITS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 202(g)(2) of such  
19 Act (42 U.S.C. 402(g)(2)) is amended to read as fol-  
20 lows:

21 “(2) Except as provided in subsection (q) and para-  
22 graph (4) of this subsection, such mother’s or father’s in-  
23 surance benefit for each month shall be equal to the  
24 amount which would be the amount of such individual’s  
25 widow’s or widower’s insurance benefit for such month,

1 if such individual had become entitled to such widow's or  
2 widower's insurance benefit in such individual's first  
3 month of entitlement to such mother's or father's insur-  
4 ance benefit and had attained age 60 in that month.”.

5 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
6 202(g)(1)(C) of such Act (42 U.S.C 402(g)(1)(C)) is  
7 amended by striking “three-fourths of the primary  
8 insurance amount of such individual” and inserting  
9 “the amount which would be determined under para-  
10 graph (2) for such month upon entitlement under  
11 this subsection for such month”.

12 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

13 (1) Section 202(q)(4) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
14 402(q)(4)) is amended by striking “paragraph (7)”  
15 and inserting “paragraph (8)”.

16 (2) Section 202(q)(8) of such Act (as redesign-  
17 nated by subsection (b)(2)) is amended by striking  
18 “paragraph (6)” and inserting “paragraph (7)”.

19 (3) Section 202(q)(10) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
20 402(q)(10)) is amended by striking “paragraph (8)”  
21 and inserting “paragraph (9)”.

22 (4) Section 202(s)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
23 402(s)(1)) is amended by striking “(q)(7)” and in-  
24 serting “(q)(8)”.

25 (e) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

1           (1) The amendments made by subsections (a),  
2           (b), and (d) shall apply with respect to benefits of  
3           individuals attaining early retirement age (as defined  
4           in section 216(l)(2) of the Social Security Act) after  
5           1999.

6           (2) The amendments made by subsection (c)  
7           shall apply with respect to benefits for which individ-  
8           uals first become eligible after December 1999. For  
9           purposes of this paragraph, an individual shall be  
10          treated as “eligible” for a mother’s or father’s insur-  
11          ance benefit under section 202(g) of the Social Secu-  
12          rity Act if such individual meets all requirements for  
13          entitlement to such benefit under such section (as  
14          amended by subsection (c)) except the filing of an  
15          application for such benefit.

16 **SEC. 4. REPEAL OF FURTHER INCREASES IN DELAYED RE-**  
17 **TIREMENT CREDIT.**

18          Section 202(w)(6) of the Social Security Act (42  
19 U.S.C. 402(w)(6)) is amended—

20           (1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “2005”  
21           and inserting “1993”; and

22           (2) in subparagraph (D), by striking “ $\frac{2}{3}$  of 1  
23           percent” and inserting “ $\frac{3}{8}$  of 1 percent”, and by  
24           striking “2004” and inserting “1992”.

1 **SEC. 5. PERMANENTLY ESTABLISHING AGE 65 AS CONVER-**  
2 **SION AGE FROM ENTITLEMENT TO DISABIL-**  
3 **ITY BENEFITS TO ENTITLEMENT TO OLD-AGE**  
4 **RETIREMENT BENEFITS.**

5 (a) SUBSTITUTION OF AGE 65 FOR RETIREMENT  
6 AGE WITH RESPECT TO TERMINATION OF DISABILITY  
7 INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Section 223(a)(1) of the Social  
8 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 423(a)(1)) is amended, in sub-  
9 paragraph (B) and in the matter following subparagraph  
10 (D), by striking “retirement age (as defined in section  
11 216(l))” each place it appears and inserting “age 65”.

12 (b) TRANSITION FROM ENTITLEMENT TO DISABIL-  
13 ITY INSURANCE BENEFITS TO ENTITLEMENT TO OLD-  
14 AGE INSURANCE BENEFITS AT AGE 65.—Section  
15 202(a)(3) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 402(a)(3)) is amended  
16 by striking “retirement age (as defined in section 216(l))”  
17 and inserting “age 65”.

18 (c) DISABILITY INSURANCE BENEFIT LIMITED TO  
19 OLD-AGE INSURANCE BENEFIT AMOUNT COMPUTED AS  
20 IF MONTH OF ONSET OF DISABILITY WERE MONTH OF  
21 ATTAINMENT OF AGE 65.—Section 223(a)(2) of such Act  
22 (42 U.S.C. 423(a)(2)) is amended—

23 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and  
24 (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively;

25 (2) by striking “(2) Except” and inserting  
26 “(2)(A) Except”;

1           (3) by inserting “and subparagraph (B) of this  
2 paragraph” after “section 215(b)(2)(A)(ii)”;

3           (4) in the last sentence, by striking “subpara-  
4 graph (A) or (B)” and inserting “clause (i) or (ii)”;  
5 and

6           (5) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
7 paragraph:

8           “(B) The amount determined under subparagraph  
9 (A) shall not exceed the amount which would be such indi-  
10 vidual’s old-age insurance benefit if—

11           “(i) such individual were entitled to an old-age  
12 insurance benefit equal (without the application of  
13 section 202(q) to such old-age insurance benefit) to  
14 such individual’s disability insurance benefit as de-  
15 termined under subparagraph (A), and

16           “(ii) section 202(q) were applied to such old-  
17 age insurance benefit as if such individual had at-  
18 tained age 65 in the first month, described in clause  
19 (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (A), which is applicable  
20 under subparagraph (A) in determining such individ-  
21 ual’s benefit.”.

22           (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
23 this section shall apply to any disability insurance benefit  
24 if the first month applicable under clause (i) or (ii) of sec-  
25 tion 223(a)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act (as amended

1 by this section) in the case of such benefit occurs after  
2 July 2003.

3 **SEC. 6. REPEAL OF LIMITATION ON DROP OUT YEARS FOR**  
4 **DISABLED WORKERS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 215(b)(2)(A) of the Social  
6 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(b)(2)(A)) is amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 “(2)(A) The number of an individual’s benefit com-  
9 putation years equals the number of elapsed years reduced  
10 by 5 years, except that the number of an individual’s bene-  
11 fit computation years shall in no case be less than two.”.

12 (b) APPLICATION OF PRIOR APPLICABLE LAW.—Sec-  
13 tion 215(b)(4) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(b)(4)) is  
14 amended in the first sentence by striking “except that”  
15 and inserting “except that paragraph (2)(A) (as then in  
16 effect) shall be deemed to provide that the number of an  
17 individual’s ‘benefit computation years’ equals the number  
18 of elapsed years reduced by 5 years (subject to the rule  
19 that the number of an individual’s benefit computation  
20 years shall in no case be less than two), and that”.

21 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
22 this section shall apply to any disability insurance benefit  
23 if the first month applicable under clause (i) or (ii) of sec-  
24 tion 223(a)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act (as amended

1 by section 5) in the case of such benefit occurs after July  
2 2003.

3 **SEC. 7. BIENNIAL COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS UNLESS**  
4 **ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT WOULD EXCEED 4**  
5 **PERCENT.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 215(i)(1)(B) of the Social  
7 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(1)(B)) is amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 “(B) the term ‘cost-of-living computation quar-  
10 ter’ means a base quarter, as defined in subpara-  
11 graph (A)(i); except that there shall be no cost-of-  
12 living computation quarter in any calendar year—

13 “(i) if the base quarter, as defined in sub-  
14 paragraph (A)(i), in the prior calendar year was  
15 a cost-of-living computation quarter, and the  
16 applicable increase percentage does not exceed  
17 4 percent, or

18 “(ii) if in the year prior to such year a law  
19 has been enacted providing a general benefit in-  
20 crease under this title or if in such prior year  
21 such a general benefit increase becomes effec-  
22 tive;”.

23 (b) CONTINUED ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF EARN-  
24 INGS TEST EXEMPT AMOUNTS AND CONTRIBUTION AND  
25 BENEFIT BASE.

1           (1) EXEMPT AMOUNT UNDER EARNINGS  
2 TEST.—Section 203(f)(8)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
3 403(f)(8)(A)) is amended—

4           (A) by striking “Whenever” and all that  
5 follows through “in which such quarter occurs”  
6 and inserting “The Secretary shall determine  
7 and publish in the Federal Register on or be-  
8 fore November 1 of each calendar year”;

9           (B) by striking “the calendar year after  
10 the calendar year in which such benefit increase  
11 is effective” and inserting “the subsequent cal-  
12 endar year”; and

13           (C) by striking “the calendar year after  
14 the calendar year in which the benefit increase  
15 is effective” and inserting “such subsequent  
16 calendar year”.

17           (2) CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFIT BASE.—Sec-  
18 tion 230(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 430(a)) is  
19 amended—

20           (A) by striking “Whenever” and all that  
21 follows through “in which such quarter occurs”  
22 and inserting “The Secretary shall determine  
23 and publish in the Federal Register on or be-  
24 fore November 1 of each calendar year”; and

1 (B) by striking “the calendar year in which  
2 such quarter occurs” and inserting “such cal-  
3 endar year”.

4 (c) AMENDMENT TO PRIOR APPLICABLE LAW.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 215(i)(1)(B) of such  
6 Act (as in effect in December 1978 and applicable  
7 pursuant to section 215(i)(4) of such Act) is amend-  
8 ed to read as follows:

9 “(B) the term ‘cost-of-living computation quar-  
10 ter’ means a base quarter, as defined in subpara-  
11 graph (A)(i); except that there shall be no cost-of-  
12 living computation quarter in any calendar year—

13 “(i) if the base quarter, as defined in sub-  
14 paragraph (A)(i), in the prior calendar year was  
15 a cost-of-living computation quarter, and the  
16 applicable increase percentage does not exceed  
17 4 percent, or

18 “(ii) if in the year prior to such year a law  
19 has been enacted providing a general benefit in-  
20 crease under this title or if in such prior year  
21 such a general benefit increase becomes effec-  
22 tive;”.

23 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section  
24 215(i)(4) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(4)) is  
25 amended in the first sentence—

1 (A) by striking “and by” and inserting  
2 “by”; and

3 (B) by inserting after “1986,” the follow-  
4 ing: “and by section 7(c)(1) of the Social Secu-  
5 rity Entitlement Reform Amendments of  
6 1993,”.

7 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
8 this section shall apply with respect to increases under sec-  
9 tion 215(i) of the Social Security Act which take effect  
10 with the month of December of years after 1999.

11 **SEC. 8. REPEAL OF LIMITATION ON WIDOW'S AND WIDOW-**  
12 **ER'S INSURANCE BENEFITS BY REASON OF**  
13 **EARLY RETIREMENT OF THE DECEASED**  
14 **SPOUSE.**

15 (a) WIDOW'S INSURANCE BENEFITS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 202(e)(2)(D) of the  
17 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(e)(2)(D)) is  
18 repealed.

19 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section  
20 202(e) of such Act is further amended—

21 (A) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “sub-  
22 section (q), paragraph (7) of this subsection,  
23 and subparagraph (D) of this paragraph,” and  
24 inserting “subsection (q) and paragraph (7) of  
25 this subsection,”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (7)(A), by striking “sub-  
2 sections (q) and (k), paragraph (2)(D), and  
3 paragraph (3)” and inserting “subsections (q)  
4 and (k) and paragraph (3)”.

5 (b) WIDOWER’S INSURANCE BENEFITS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 202(f)(3)(D) of such  
7 Act (42 U.S.C. 402(f)(3)(D)) is repealed.

8 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section  
9 202(f) of such Act is further amended—

10 (A) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “sub-  
11 sections (q) and (k), paragraph (3)(D), and  
12 paragraph (4)” and inserting “subsections (q)  
13 and (k) and paragraph (4)”; and

14 (B) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “sub-  
15 section (q), paragraph (2) of this subsection,  
16 and subparagraph (D) of this paragraph,” and  
17 inserting “subsection (q) and paragraph (2) of  
18 this subsection,”.

19 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
20 this section shall apply with respect to benefits of individ-  
21 uals attaining early retirement age (as defined in section  
22 216(l)(2) of the Social Security Act) after 1999.

1 **SEC. 9. ADJUSTMENT IN REDUCTION OF WIDOW'S AND WID-**  
 2 **OWER'S INSURANCE BENEFITS UPON ATTAIN-**  
 3 **MENT OF AGE 80.**

4 Section 202(q) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
 5 402(q)) is amended by adding at the end the following  
 6 new paragraph:

7 “(12) In the case of any individual’s widow’s or wid-  
 8 ower’s insurance benefit for any month in or after a year  
 9 specified in the following table, if such individual has at-  
 10 tained 80 years of age as of the end of such month, the  
 11 percentage specified in such table in connection with such  
 12 year shall be applied in paragraph (1) in lieu of the sum  
 13 of reduction percentages specified in paragraph (1):

<b>“If the year is:</b>	<b>The specified percentage shall be:</b>
After 2009 and before 2012 .....	5/12 of 1 percent
After 2011 and before 2014 .....	1/3 of 1 percent
After 2013 and before 2016 .....	1/4 of 1 percent
After 2015 and before 2018 .....	1/6 of 1 percent
After 2017 .....	1/12 of 1 percent.”.

14 **SEC. 10. GENERAL INCREASE IN BENEFITS FOR INDIVID-**  
 15 **UALS ATTAINING AGE 80.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 202 of the Social Security  
 17 Act (42 U.S.C. 402) is amended by adding at the end the  
 18 following new subsection:

19 “General Benefit Increase for Beneficiaries Over 80  
 20 Years of Age

21 “(y)(1) The amount of a monthly insurance benefit  
 22 under this section or section 223 which is payable without

1 regard to this subsection to an individual for any month  
 2 ending after such individual attains 80 years of age after  
 3 2004 shall be increased by the percentage increase speci-  
 4 fied, in connection with the year in which such individual  
 5 attains such age, in the following table:

<b>“If the individual attains age 80 in:</b>	<b>The percentage increase in the individual’s benefit shall be:</b>
2005 .....	1 percent
2006 .....	2 percent
2007 .....	3 percent
2008 .....	4 percent
2009 or a later year .....	5 percent.”.

6 “(2) This subsection shall be applied after any reduc-  
 7 tion under section 203(a) and any increase under sub-  
 8 section (w).”.

9 (b) ROUNDING.—Section 215(g) of such Act (42  
 10 U.S.C. 415(g)) is amended—

11 (1) by striking “and after” and inserting  
 12 “after”; and

13 (2) by inserting “, and after any increase  
 14 under section 202(y)” after “section 1840(a)(1)”.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 16 this section shall apply with respect to benefits for months  
 17 after December 2004.

18 **SEC. 11. INCREASE IN SURVIVING CHILD’S INSURANCE**  
 19 **BENEFITS.**

20 Section 202(d)(2) of the Social Security Act (42  
 21 U.S.C. 402(d)(2)) is amended—

22 (1) by inserting “(A)” after “(2)”; and

1 (2) by striking the last sentence and inserting  
 2 at the end the following new subparagraph:

3 “(B) Such child’s insurance benefit for each month  
 4 shall, if the individual on the basis of whose wages and  
 5 self-employment income the child is entitled to such bene-  
 6 fit has died in or prior to such month, be equal to the  
 7 applicable percentage of the primary insurance amount of  
 8 such individual in connection with such child’s first month  
 9 of entitlement, as set forth in the following table:

<b>“If the first month of entitle- ment occurs:</b>	<b>The applicable percentage of the primary insurance amount is:</b>
Before 2000 .....	75 percent
After 1999 and before 2010 .....	80 percent
After 2009 and before 2025 .....	85 percent
After 2024 .....	90 percent.”.

10 **SEC. 12. GRADUAL REDUCTION IN AGE NECESSARY FOR**  
 11 **ELIGIBILITY FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY**  
 12 **INCOME BENEFITS ON THE BASIS OF AGE.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1614(a)(1)(A) of the So-  
 14 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)(1)(A)) is amended  
 15 to read as follows:

16 “(A)(i) as of the end of a year specified in the  
 17 following table, attains the age specified in such  
 18 table in connection with such year:

<b>“If the year is:</b>	<b>The specified age is:</b>
Before 2000 .....	65 years
2000 .....	64 years, 9 months
2001 .....	64 years, 6 months
2002 .....	64 years, 3 months
2003 .....	64 years
2004 .....	63 years, 9 months
2005 .....	63 years, 6 months

<b>“If the year is:</b>	<b>The specified age is:</b>
2006 .....	63 years, 3 months
2007 .....	63 years
2008 .....	62 years, 9 months
2009 .....	62 years, 6 months
2010 .....	62 years, 3 months
After 2010 .....	62 years

1           “(ii) is blind (as determined under paragraph  
2           (2)), or

3           “(iii) is disabled (as determined under para-  
4           graph (3)), and”.

5           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

6           (1) Section 1601 of such Act, as in effect pur-  
7           suant to the amendment made by section 301 of the  
8           Social Security Amendments of 1972, (42 U.S.C.  
9           1381) is amended by striking “have attained age 65  
10          or are blind” and inserting “are aged, blind,”.

11          (2) Section 1612(b)(4) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
12          1382a(b)(4)) is amended—

13                 (A) in each of subparagraphs (A) and  
14                 (B)—

15                         (i) by striking “not attained age 65”  
16                         and inserting “not, as of the end of a year  
17                         specified in the table set forth in section  
18                         1614(a)(1)(A)(i), attained the age specified  
19                         in such table in connection with such  
20                         year”; and

1 (ii) by striking “he attained age 65”  
2 and inserting “such individual attained  
3 such age”; and

4 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “at-  
5 tained age 65” and inserting “, as of the end  
6 of a year specified in the table set forth in sec-  
7 tion 1614(a)(1)(A)(i), attained the age specified  
8 in such table in connection with such year”.

9 (3) Section 1615(a)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
10 1382d(a)(1)) is amended by striking “not attained  
11 age 65” and inserting “not, as of the end of a year  
12 specified in the table set forth in section  
13 1614(a)(1)(A)(i), attained the age specified in such  
14 table in connection with such year”.

15 (4) Section 1620(a)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
16 1382i(a)(2)) is amended by striking “under age 65”  
17 and inserting “, as of the end of a year specified in  
18 the table set forth in section 1614(a)(1)(A)(i), have  
19 not attained the age specified in such table in con-  
20 nection with such year”.

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