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H. R. 2157

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate work disincentives for individuals who are blind.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 1993

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

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 Disabil-
5 ity Benefits for the Blind Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF DISABILITY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 223(d)(1)(B) of the So-
8 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 423(d)(1)(B)) is amended to
9 read as follows:

1 “(B) blindness (within the meaning of section
2 216(i)(1)).”.

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 223(d)(4)
4 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 423(d)(4)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking the second sentence and insert-
6 ing the following: “No individual who is blind (as de-
7 fined in section 216(i)(1)) shall be considered failing
8 to meet the requirements for disability by reason of
9 any substantial gainful activity.”; and

10 (2) in the third sentence, by inserting “who is
11 disabled other than by reason of blindness (as de-
12 fined in section 216(i)(1))” after “individual”.

13 **SEC. 3. STANDARD OF REVIEW FOR TERMINATION.**

14 Section 223(f) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
15 423(f)) is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “in the
17 case of an individual whose disability has been blind-
18 ness (as defined in section 216(i)(1)), the individual
19 is no longer blind (within the meaning of ‘blindness’
20 as so defined), or, in the case of any other individ-
21 ual,” after “(A)”;

22 (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting “in the case
23 of an individual whose disability is not ‘blindness’ as
24 defined in section 216(i)(1),” after “(2)”;

1 (3) in paragraph (3), by inserting “in the case
2 of an individual whose disability is not ‘blindness’ as
3 defined in section 216(i)(1),” after “(3)”.

4 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5 The amendments made by this Act shall apply only
6 with respect to benefits for months beginning after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act, and, in the case of indi-
8 viduals who are entitled to neither disability insurance
9 benefits under section 223 of the Social Security Act for
10 the month in which this Act is enacted nor benefits under
11 section 202 of such Act for such month based on disabil-
12 ity, such amendments shall apply only with respect to ben-
13 efits for which applications are filed on or after such date.

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