

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 181

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase out the taxation of social security benefits.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 25, 2001

Mr. SHELBY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Older Americans Tax
5 Fairness Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PHASEOUT OF TAXATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY**
7 **BENEFITS.**

8 (a) **REPEAL OF INCREASE IN TAX ON SOCIAL SECUR-**
9 **RITY BENEFITS.—**

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section
 2 86(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relat-
 3 ing to social security and tier 1 railroad retirement
 4 benefits) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 5 lowing new flush sentence:

6 “This paragraph shall not apply to any taxable year
 7 beginning after December 31, 2000.”

8 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
 9 by this subsection shall apply to taxable years begin-
 10 ning after December 31, 2000.

11 (b) PHASEOUT OF BASE TAX.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 86
 13 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to
 14 social security and tier 1 railroad retirement bene-
 15 fits) is amended by adding at the end the following
 16 new paragraph:

17 “(3) PHASEOUT OF BASE TAX.—In the case of
 18 any taxable year beginning in a calendar year after
 19 2001 and before 2006, paragraph (1) shall be ap-
 20 plied by substituting the percentage determined
 21 under the following table for ‘one-half’ each place it
 22 appears:

**“In the case of a taxable
 year beginning in cal-
 endar year:**

	The percentage is:
2002	40 percent
2003	30 percent
2004	20 percent
2005	10 percent.”

1 (2) TERMINATION OF BASE TAX.—Paragraph
2 (1) of section 86(a) of such Code is amended by
3 adding at the end the following new flush sentence:
4 “‘This paragraph shall not apply to any taxable year
5 beginning after December 31, 2005.’”

6 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
7 by this subsection shall apply to taxable years begin-
8 ning after December 31, 2001.

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