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H. R. 746

To provide for economic recovery payments to recipients of Social Security,
railroad retirement, and veterans disability benefits.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ADLER of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide for economic recovery payments to recipients of Social Security, railroad retirement, and veterans disability benefits.

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 “Safeguarding Amer-
5 ica’s Seniors and Veterans Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. ECONOMIC RECOVERY PAYMENT TO RECIPIENTS**
2 **OF SOCIAL SECURITY, RAILROAD RETIRE-**
3 **MENT, AND VETERANS DISABILITY BENEFITS.**

4 (a) PAYMENT AUTHORITY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—At the earliest practicable
6 date in calendar year 2009 but not later than 120
7 days after the date of the enactment of this section,
8 the Secretary of the Treasury shall make a one-time
9 payment to each individual who is determined by the
10 Secretary in calendar year 2009 to be an eligible in-
11 dividual.

12 (2) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—An individual is de-
14 scribed in this paragraph if the individual—

15 (i) has attained the age of 18, and

16 (ii) during the 3-month period imme-
17 diately preceding the month in which this
18 Act is enacted, was entitled to Social Secu-
19 rity benefits (as defined in section 86(d) of
20 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) or
21 benefits under chapters 11, 13, or 15 of
22 title 38, United States Code.

23 (B) EXCEPTIONS.—Subparagraph (A)
24 shall not apply to any individual who—

1 (i) has Federal program benefits sus-
2 pended during such 3-month period be-
3 cause such individual is—

4 (I) in prison,
5 (II) a fugitive,
6 (III) a probation or parole viola-
7 tor, or

8 (IV) found by a court of com-
9 petent jurisdiction to have committed
10 fraud,

11 (ii) is an alien, or

12 (iii) is not lawfully present in the
13 United States.

14 (3) AMOUNT OF PAYMENT.—The amount of the
15 payment shall be \$500 for an individual.

16 (b) ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.—

17 (1) INFORMATION.—The Commissioner of So-
18 cial Security, the Railroad Retirement Board, and
19 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall provide the
20 Secretary of the Treasury with such information and
21 data as may be necessary in order to identify indi-
22 viduals eligible for payments under this subsection
23 and to make the payments.

24 (2) PAYMENTS TO BE DISREGARDED FOR PUR-
25 POSES OF ALL FEDERAL AND FEDERALLY ASSISTED

1 PROGRAMS.—A payment under subsection (a) shall
2 not be regarded as income to the recipient, and shall
3 not be regarded as a resource of the recipient for the
4 month of receipt and the following 6 months, for
5 purposes of determining the eligibility of any indi-
6 vidual for benefits or assistance, or the amount or
7 extent of benefits or assistance, under any Federal
8 program or under any State or local program fi-
9 nanced in whole or in part with Federal funds.

10 (c) EXCLUSION FROM GROSS INCOME.—Payments
11 under this section shall not be included in gross income.

12 (d) COORDINATION WITH MAKING WORK PAY CRED-
13 IT.—The amount of the making work pay credit under
14 section 36A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as pro-
15 posed to be added by section 1001 of division B of the
16 bill, H.R. 1 of the 111th Congress, shall be reduced by
17 the payment under this section.

18 (e) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any sums in the Treas-
19 ury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, there
20 are appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry
21 out this section.

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