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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

JUNE 1, 2015

Mr. ISRAEL (for himself and Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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A BILL

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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 "Sanchez-Young Social Security Disability Insurance for the Terminally Ill Act".

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 is determined to be terminally ill by a primary care provider (as defined by the individual's State of residence), medical specialist, or other qualified provider or with respect to whom the Commissioner has determined would otherwise suffer undue hardship by application of a waiting period, 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 12 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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