An Act

For the relief of Howard D. Harden.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Howard D. Harden, of Roseville, Illinois, is relieved of liability to the United States in the amount of $3,746.80 representing disability payments from September 1967 to November 1969 paid to him following a diagnosis of a malignant lymphoma, which benefits were retroactively denied him because he had advised the Social Security Administration that he was attempting to perform some of his farmwork despite his disabilities. In the audit and settlement of accounts of any certifying or disbursing officer of the United States, credit shall be given for amounts for which liability is relieved by this section.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the said Howard D. Harden an amount equal to the aggregate of any amounts paid by him, or withheld from sums otherwise due him, with respect to the indebtedness to the United States specified in the first section of this Act: Provided, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding $1,000.

Approved July 8, 1975.