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H. R. 3251

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to extend the provisions which currently suspend payment of old-age, survivors, and disability insurance benefits to individuals imprisoned upon conviction of a felony so as to apply to all individuals imprisoned throughout at least 1 month upon conviction of any criminal offense, and to amend title XVI of such Act to suspend payment of supplemental security income benefits to such individuals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 7, 1993

Mr. TORKILDSEN (for himself, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. CANADY, Mr. COPPERSMITH, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. BLUTE, Mr. KLUG, Mr. ZIMMER, Mr. GOSS, Mr. LEVY, and Mrs. THURMAN) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT OF OLD-AGE, SURVI-**
2 **VORS, AND DISABILITY INSURANCE BENE-**
3 **FITS FOR INDIVIDUALS IMPRISONED**
4 **THROUGHOUT AT LEAST 1 MONTH UPON**
5 **CONVICTION OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 202(x) of the Social Secu-
7 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 402(x)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “during
9 which” and inserting “throughout which”, and by
10 striking “an offense” and all that follows and insert-
11 ing “a criminal offense.”; and

12 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “an offense
13 which constituted a felony under applicable law” and
14 inserting “a criminal offense”.

15 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to months begin-
17 ning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 **SEC. 2. SUSPENSION OF SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY IN-**
19 **COME BENEFITS FOR INDIVIDUALS IMPRIS-**
20 **ONED THROUGHOUT AT LEAST 1 MONTH**
21 **UPON CONVICTION OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1611(e) of the Social Se-
23 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)(1)) is amended by insert-
24 ing after paragraph (3) the following:

25 “(4)(A) A person shall not be an eligible individual
26 or an eligible spouse for purposes of this title with respect

1 to any month if, throughout the month, the person is con-
2 fined in a jail, prison, or other penal institution or correc-
3 tional facility, pursuant to a conviction of a criminal of-
4 fense.

5 “(B) The requirements of section 202(x)(3) shall
6 apply in like manner to the carrying out of this para-
7 graph.”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) shall apply to benefits for calendar months
10 beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this
11 Act.

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