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To amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to update eligibility for the supplemental security income program, and for other purposes.

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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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Supplemental Security Income Restoration Act of 2024”.

1 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
 2 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Update in eligibility for the supplemental security income program.
- Sec. 3. Update in supplemental security income benefit amounts and repeal of marriage penalty.
- Sec. 4. Support and maintenance furnished in kind not included as income.
- Sec. 5. Exclusion of retirement accounts from resources.
- Sec. 6. Repeal of penalty for disposal of resources for less than fair market value.
- Sec. 7. Clarifying the treatment of certain state tax credits.
- Sec. 8. Treatment of tribal general welfare payments.
- Sec. 9. Elimination of dedicated accounts for certain past-due benefits.
- Sec. 10. Elimination of installment payment requirement.
- Sec. 11. Extension of period of exclusion of certain payments from countable resources.
- Sec. 12. Modification of rules to determine marital relationships.
- Sec. 13. Effective date.

3 **SEC. 2. UPDATE IN ELIGIBILITY FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL**
 4 **SECURITY INCOME PROGRAM.**

5 (a) UPDATE IN GENERAL INCOME EXCLUSION.—
 6 Section 1612(b)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act (42
 7 U.S.C. 1382a(b)(2)(A)) is amended by striking “\$240”
 8 and inserting “\$1,797 (increased as described in section
 9 1617(d) for each calendar year after 2024)”.

10 (b) UPDATE IN EARNED INCOME EXCLUSION.—Sec-
 11 tion 1612(b)(4) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1382a(b)(4)) is
 12 amended by striking “\$780” each place it appears and
 13 inserting “\$5,839 (increased as described in section
 14 1617(d) for each calendar year after 20224”.

15 (c) UPDATE IN RESOURCE LIMIT FOR INDIVIDUALS
 16 AND COUPLES.—Section 1611(a)(3) of such Act (42
 17 U.S.C. 1382(a)(3)) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “\$2,250”
 2 and all that follows through the end of the subpara-
 3 graph and inserting “\$20,000 in calendar year
 4 2024, and shall be increased as described in section
 5 1617(d) for each subsequent calendar year.”; and

6 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “\$1,500”
 7 and all that follows through the end of the subpara-
 8 graph and inserting “\$10,000 in calendar year
 9 2024, and shall be increased as described in section
 10 1617(d) for each subsequent calendar year.”.

11 (d) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—Section 1617 of such
 12 Act (42 U.S.C. 1382f) is amended—

13 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “; IN-
 14 FLATION ADJUSTMENT” after “BENEFITS”; and

15 (2) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(d) In the case of any calendar year after 2024, each
 17 of the amounts specified in sections 1611(a)(3),
 18 1612(b)(2)(A), and 1612(b)(4) shall be increased by mul-
 19 tiplying each such amount by the quotient (not less than
 20 1) obtained by dividing—

21 “(1) the average of the Consumer Price Index
 22 for Elderly Consumers (CPI-E, as published by the
 23 Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of
 24 Labor) for the 12-month period ending with Sep-
 25 tember of the preceding calendar year, by

1 “(2) such average for the 12-month period end-
2 ing with September 2024.”.

3 **SEC. 3. UPDATE IN SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME**
4 **BENEFIT AMOUNTS AND REPEAL OF MAR-**
5 **RIAGE PENALTY.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1611(b) of the Social Se-
7 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1382(b)) is amended to read as fol-
8 lows:

9 “(b)(1) The benefit under this title for an individual
10 who does not have an eligible spouse shall be payable—

11 “(A) for calendar years 1974 through 2024, at
12 the rate of \$1,752 (or, if greater, the amount deter-
13 mined under section 1617), and

14 “(B) for calendar years after 2024, at the rate
15 equal to the annual poverty guideline for the cal-
16 endar year preceding such calendar year (as updated
17 annually in the Federal Register by the Department
18 of Health and Human Services under the authority
19 of section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconcili-
20 ation Act of 1981) as applicable to a single indi-
21 vidual,

22 reduced by the amount of income, not excluded pur-
23 suant to section 1612(b), of such individual.

24 “(2) The benefit under this title for an individual who
25 has an eligible spouse shall be payable—

1 “(A) for calendar years 1974 through 2024, at
 2 the rate of \$2,628 (or, if greater, the amount deter-
 3 mined under section 1617), and

4 “(B) for calendar years after 2024, at the rate
 5 equal to twice the rate described in paragraph
 6 (1)(B),

7 reduced by the amount of income, not excluded pursuant
 8 to section 1612(b), of such individual and spouse.”.

9 (b) CONFORMING CHANGES TO COST-OF-LIVING AD-
 10 JUSTMENTS.—Section 1617(a)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
 11 1382f(a)(1)) is amended by striking “(a)(1)(A), (a)(2)(A),
 12 (b)(1), and (b)(2)” and inserting “(a)(1)(A) and
 13 (a)(2)(A)”.

14 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 15 this section shall apply with respect to calendar years after
 16 2021.

17 **SEC. 4. SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE FURNISHED IN KIND**
 18 **NOT INCLUDED AS INCOME.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1612(a)(2) of such Act
 20 (42 U.S.C. 1382a(a)(2)) is amended—

21 (1) by inserting “(other than support or main-
 22 tenance furnished in kind)” after “all other income”;
 23 and

24 (2) in subparagraph (A)—

25 (A) by striking “or kind”;

1 (B) by striking clause (i) and redesignating clauses (ii) and (iii) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively; and

2 (C) in clause (ii) (as so redesignated), by striking “and the provisions of clause (i) shall not be applicable”.

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

4 (1) Section 1611(c) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1382(c)) is amended by striking paragraph (6) and redesignating paragraphs (7) through (10) as paragraphs (6) through (9), respectively.

5 (2) Section 1612(a)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1382a(a)(2)) is amended—

6 (A) in subparagraph (F), by inserting “and” at the end;

7 (B) in subparagraph (G), by striking “; and” and inserting a period;

8 (C) by moving subparagraph (G) 2 ems to the right; and

9 (D) by striking subparagraph (H).

10 (3) Section 1621(c) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1382j(c)) is amended to read as follows:

11 “(c) In determining the amount of income of an alien during the period of 5 years after such alien’s entry into the United States, support or maintenance furnished in

1 cash to the alien by such alien's sponsor (to the extent
 2 that it reflects income or resources which were taken into
 3 account in determining the amount of income and re-
 4 sources to be deemed to the alien under subsection (a)
 5 or (b) of this section) shall not be considered to be income
 6 of such alien under section 1612(a)(2)(A).”.

7 **SEC. 5. EXCLUSION OF RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS FROM RE-**
 8 **SOURCES.**

9 Section 1613(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 10 1382b(a)) is amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (16), by striking “; and” and
 12 inserting a semicolon;

13 (2) in paragraph (17), by striking the period at
 14 the end and inserting “; and”; and

15 (3) by inserting after paragraph (17) the fol-
 16 lowing new paragraph:

17 “(18) any qualified retirement plan or eligible
 18 deferred compensation plan (as such terms are de-
 19 fined in sections 4974(c) and 457(b), respectively, of
 20 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).”.

21 **SEC. 6. REPEAL OF PENALTY FOR DISPOSAL OF RE-**
 22 **SOURCES FOR LESS THAN FAIR MARKET**
 23 **VALUE.**

24 Section 1613(c) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1382b(c)) is
 25 amended to read as follows:

1 “(c) NOTIFICATION OF MEDICAID POLICY RESTRICT-
2 ING ELIGIBILITY OF INSTITUTIONALIZED INDIVIDUALS
3 FOR BENEFITS BASED ON DISPOSAL OF RESOURCES FOR
4 LESS THAN FAIR MARKET VALUE.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—At the time an individual
6 (and the individual’s eligible spouse, if any) applies
7 for benefits under this title, and at the time the eli-
8 gibility of an individual (and such spouse, if any) for
9 such benefits is redetermined, the Commissioner of
10 Social Security shall—

11 “(A) inform such individual of the provi-
12 sions of section 1917(c) providing for a period
13 of ineligibility for benefits under title XIX for
14 individuals who make certain dispositions of re-
15 sources for less than fair market value, and in-
16 form such individual that information obtained
17 pursuant to subparagraph (B) will be made
18 available to the State agency administering a
19 State plan under title XIX (as provided in
20 paragraph (2)); and

21 “(B) obtain from such individual informa-
22 tion which may be used by the State agency in
23 determining whether or not a period of ineligi-
24 bility for such benefits would be required by
25 reason of section 1917(c).

1 “(2) PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO STATE
 2 MEDICAID AGENCIES.—The Commissioner of Social
 3 Security shall make the information obtained under
 4 paragraph (1)(B) available, on request, to any State
 5 agency administering a State plan approved under
 6 title XIX.”.

7 **SEC. 7. CLARIFYING THE TREATMENT OF CERTAIN STATE**
 8 **TAX CREDITS.**

9 Title XVI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 10 1382a) is amended—

11 (1) in section 1612(b)(19), by striking “and
 12 any payment” and all that follows through “credit)”
 13 and inserting “and any refund of State income taxes
 14 made to such individual (or such spouse) by reason
 15 of a State earned income tax credit (as defined by
 16 the Secretary)”;

17 (2) in section 1613(a)(11)—

18 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “,
 19 and any refund of State income taxes made to
 20 such individual (or such spouse) by reason of a
 21 State child tax credit (as defined by the Sec-
 22 retary)” before the semicolon; and

23 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and
 24 any payment” and all that follows through
 25 “credit)” and inserting “and any refund of

1 State income taxes made to such individual (or
2 such spouse) by reason of a State earned in-
3 come tax credit (as defined by the Secretary)”.

4 **SEC. 8. TREATMENT OF TRIBAL GENERAL WELFARE PAY-**
5 **MENTS.**

6 (a) INCOME EXCLUSION.—Section 1612(b) of the So-
7 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1382a(b)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (25), by striking “and” at the
9 end;

10 (2) in paragraph (26), by striking the period
11 and inserting “; and”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(27) the value of any Indian general welfare
14 benefit (as defined in section 139E of the Internal
15 Revenue Code of 1986) received by such individual
16 (or such spouse).”.

17 (b) INCOME EXCLUSION.—Section 1613(a) of such
18 Act (42 U.S.C. 1382b(a)), as amended by section 5 of this
19 Act, is amended—

20 (1) in paragraph (17), by striking “and” at the
21 end;

22 (2) in paragraph (18), by striking the period
23 and inserting “; and”; and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(19) the value of any Indian general welfare
2 benefit (as defined in section 139E of the Internal
3 Revenue Code of 1986) received by such individual
4 (or such spouse).”.

5 **SEC. 9. ELIMINATION OF DEDICATED ACCOUNTS FOR CER-**
6 **TAIN PAST-DUE BENEFITS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1631(a)(2) of the Social
8 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1383(a)(2)) is amended by strik-
9 ing subparagraph (F).

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

11 (1) RELATING TO PAYMENTS AND PROCE-
12 DURES.—Section 1631(a)(2) of the Social Security
13 Act (42 U.S.C. 1383(a)(2)), as amended by sub-
14 section (a), is amended—

15 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (G),
16 (H), and (I) as subparagraphs (F), (G), and
17 (H), respectively;

18 (B) in subparagraph (B)(vii)(I), by strik-
19 ing “subparagraph (I)” and inserting “subpara-
20 graph (H)”;

21 (C) in subparagraph (D)—

22 (i) in clause (i), by striking “subpara-
23 graphs (E) and (F)” and inserting “subpara-
24 paragraph (E)”;

1 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking “sub-
 2 paragraph (I)” and inserting “subpara-
 3 graph (H)”;

4 (D) in subparagraph (E), by striking “sub-
 5 paragraph (H)(ii)” and inserting “subpara-
 6 graph (G)(ii)”;

7 (E) in subparagraph (G)(i)(II), as redesign-
 8 nated by subparagraph (A), by striking “sub-
 9 paragraph (I)” and inserting “subparagraph
 10 (H)”.

11 (2) EXCLUSIONS FROM INCOME.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 1612(b) of the
 13 Social Security Act is amended—

14 (i) by striking paragraph (21); and

15 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (22)
 16 through (26) as paragraphs (21) through
 17 (25), respectively.

18 (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
 19 1613(a)(17) of such Act is amended by striking
 20 “section 1612(b)(26)” and inserting “section
 21 1612(b)(25)”.

22 (3) EXCLUSIONS FROM RESOURCES.—Section
 23 1613(a) of the Social Security Act, as amended by
 24 section 5, is amended—

25 (A) by striking paragraph (12); and

1 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (13)
2 through (18) as paragraphs (12) through (17),
3 respectively.

4 (c) TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS TRANSFERRED FROM
5 DEDICATED ACCOUNTS.—Amounts transferred from an
6 account established on behalf of an individual as described
7 in section 1631(a)(2)(F) of the Social Security Act (42
8 U.S.C. 1383(a)(2)(F)) (as in effect on the day before the
9 date of enactment of this Act) into another account of the
10 individual as a result of the amendments made by this
11 section shall not be taken into account as income or re-
12 sources of such individual for purposes of determining the
13 eligibility of such individual or any other individual for
14 benefits or assistance, or the amount or extent of such
15 benefits or assistance, under title XVI of the Social Secu-
16 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.), under any other Federal
17 program, or under any State or local program financed
18 in whole or in part with Federal funds.

19 **SEC. 10. ELIMINATION OF INSTALLMENT PAYMENT RE-**
20 **QUIREMENT.**

21 Section 1631(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
22 1383(a)) is amended by striking paragraph (10).

1 **SEC. 11. EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF EXCLUSION OF CER-**
2 **TAIN PAYMENTS FROM COUNTABLE RE-**
3 **SOURCES.**

4 Section 1613(a)(7) of the Social Security Act (42
5 U.S.C. 1382b(a)(7)) is amended by striking “9 months”
6 and inserting “21 months”.

7 **SEC. 12. MODIFICATION OF RULES TO DETERMINE MAR-**
8 **ITAL RELATIONSHIPS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1614(d) of the Social Se-
10 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1382c(d)) is amended by striking
11 “except that” and all that follows through the end of the
12 subsection and inserting “except that if two individuals
13 have been determined to be married under section
14 216(h)(1) for purposes of title II they shall be considered
15 (from and after the date of such determination or the date
16 of their application for benefits under this title, whichever
17 is later) to be married for purposes of this title.”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Title XVI of the
19 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.) is amended—

20 (1) in section 1611(e)(3)—

21 (A) by striking “a husband and wife” each
22 place it appears and inserting “two married in-
23 dividuals”; and

24 (B) by striking “such husband and wife”
25 and inserting “such married individuals”;

26 (2) in section 1614(b)—

1 (A) in the first sentence, by striking “the
2 husband or wife of” and inserting “married to”;
3 and

4 (B) in the second sentence, by striking
5 “husband and wife” and inserting “married”;
6 and

7 (3) in section 1631(b)(1)(A)(i), by striking
8 “husband or wife” and inserting “spouse”.

9 **SEC. 13. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

10 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
11 on the date that is 6 months after the date of the enact-
12 ment of this Act.

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