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H. R. 1903

To amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to support individuals with
younger onset Alzheimer’s disease.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2019

Miss RICE of New York (for herself, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. KING of New York,
Mr. TRONE, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Ms. WATERS) introduced the
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and
Labor

A BILL

To amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to support
individuals with younger onset Alzheimer’s disease.

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 “Younger Onset Alz-
5 heimer’s Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Approximately 5,800,000 individuals in the
9 United States are living with Alzheimer’s disease.

1 This includes approximately 200,000 individuals
2 with younger onset Alzheimer’s disease.

3 (2) Alzheimer’s disease costs the United States
4 more than \$290,000,000 per year, including
5 \$195,000,000 in costs to Medicare and Medicaid.

6 (3) The Older Americans Act of 1965 (42
7 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.) includes services that focus on
8 the needs of individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and
9 related disorders. The need to specifically support
10 individuals with younger onset Alzheimer’s disease is
11 growing.

12 **SEC. 3. YOUNGER ONSET ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE.**

13 The Older Americans Act of 1965 is amended—

14 (1) in section 102 (42 U.S.C. 3002), by adding
15 at the end the following:

16 “(55) The term ‘younger onset Alzheimer’s dis-
17 ease’, with respect to an individual, means an indi-
18 vidual with Alzheimer’s disease or a related disorder
19 who has not attained 60 years of age.”;

20 (2) in section 302(3) (42 U.S.C. 3022(3)), by
21 inserting “, including an individual with younger
22 onset Alzheimer’s disease” before the period;

23 (3) in section 711(6) (42 U.S.C. 3058f(6)), by
24 inserting “of any age” after “individual”; and

1 (4) in section 721(b)(13) (42 U.S.C.
2 3058i(b)(13))—

3 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “;
4 or”;

5 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the
6 period and inserting “; or”; and

7 (C) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(D) individuals with Alzheimer’s disease,
9 including those with younger onset Alzheimer’s
10 disease.”.

11 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 300 days after the
13 date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,
14 the Assistant Secretary for Aging shall submit a report,
15 to the committees of Congress described in subsection (b),
16 that includes—

17 (1) an overview of programmatic functions and
18 performance with respect to the amendments made
19 by section 3, including information about individuals
20 with younger onset Alzheimer’s disease; and

21 (2) an identification of the gaps in needs of in-
22 dividuals with younger onset Alzheimer’s disease.

23 (b) COMMITTEES.—The committees of Congress de-
24 scribed in this subsection are—

1 (1) the Special Committee on Aging, the Com-
2 mittee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions,
3 and the Committee on Finance, of the Senate; and

4 (2) the Committee on Education and Labor,
5 and the Committee on Energy and Commerce, of the
6 House of Representatives.

7 **SEC. 5. DEFINITION OF YOUNGER ONSET ALZHEIMER'S DIS-**
8 **EASE.**

9 In this Act, the term “younger onset Alzheimer’s dis-
10 ease” has the meaning given the term in section 102(55)
11 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3002(55)),
12 as added by section 3.

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