

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 379

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the five month waiting period for disability insurance benefits under such title for individuals with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 15, 2017

Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. NELSON, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “ALS Disability Insur-
5 ance Access Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF WAITING PERIOD FOR SOCIAL SE-**
 2 **CURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE BENEFITS**
 3 **FOR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS WITH**
 4 **AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS).**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 223(a)(1) of the Social
 6 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 423(a)(1)) is amended in the
 7 matter following subparagraph (E) by striking “or (ii)”
 8 and inserting “(ii) in the case of an individual who has
 9 been medically determined to have amyotrophic lateral
 10 sclerosis, for each month beginning with the first month
 11 during all of which the individual is under a disability and
 12 in which the individual becomes entitled to such insurance
 13 benefits, or (iii)”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 15 this section shall apply with respect to applications for dis-
 16 ability insurance benefits filed after the date of the enact-
 17 ment of this Act.

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