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# H. R. 472

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for full benefits for disabled widows and widowers without regard to age.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 29, 2003

Mrs. LOWEY (for herself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. FROST, Ms. LEE, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. WATSON, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. WYNN, and Mr. FARR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for full benefits for disabled widows and widowers without regard to age.

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. FULL BENEFITS FOR DISABLED WIDOWS AND**  
4 **WIDOWERS WITHOUT REGARD TO AGE.**

5 (a) ELIGIBILITY FOR WIDOW'S INSURANCE BENE-  
6 FITS.—Section 202(e) of the Social Security Act (42  
7 U.S.C. 402(e)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “has at-  
9 tained age 50 but has not attained age 60 and”;

1           (2) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “after at-  
2           taining age 50 if she was entitled before such mar-  
3           riage occurred” and inserting “after having been en-  
4           titled”; and

5           (3) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “after at-  
6           taining age 50”.

7           (b) **ELIGIBILITY FOR WIDOWER’S INSURANCE BENE-**  
8 **FITS.**—Section 202(f) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 402(f)) is  
9 amended—

10           (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “has at-  
11           tained age 50 but has not attained age 60 and”;

12           (2) in paragraph (4)(A), by striking “after at-  
13           taining age 50 if he was entitled before such mar-  
14           riage occurred” and inserting “after having been en-  
15           titled”; and

16           (3) in paragraph (4)(B), by striking “after at-  
17           taining age 50”.

18 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION FROM REDUCTIONS IN BENEFITS.**

19           Section 202(q) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
20 402(q)) is amended—

21           (1) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “age 50”  
22           and inserting “age 60”; and

23           (2) by adding at the end the following new  
24           paragraph:

