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# H. R. 5841

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to require the Commissioner of Social Security to use the Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers for purposes of determining cost-of-living adjustments under titles II, VIII, and XVI of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 28, 2025

Ms. BUDZINSKI (for herself, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, and Mr. MAGAZINER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Boosting Benefits and  
3 COLAs for Seniors Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. MORE ACCURATE COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—

6           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 215(i)(1)(D) of the  
7 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(1)(D)) is  
8 amended by striking “Consumer Price Index” and  
9 all that follows through “such index” and inserting  
10 “Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners  
11 and Clerical Workers (CPI–W, as published by the  
12 Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of  
13 Labor) or Consumer Price Index for Elderly Con-  
14 sumers (CPI–E, as published by such Bureau)  
15 (whichever such index results in the higher percent-  
16 age under this subparagraph) exceeds the same such  
17 index”.

18           (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
19 215(i)(1)(G) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
20 415(i)(1)(G)) is amended by inserting “applicable  
21 for purposes of subparagraph (D)” after “Consumer  
22 Price Index”.

23       (b) APPLICATION TO PRE-1979 LAW.—

24           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 215(i) of the Social  
25 Security Act as in effect in December 1978, and as

1 applied in certain cases under the provisions of such  
2 Act as in effect after December 1978, is amended—

3 (A) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “Con-  
4 sumer Price Index” and all that follows through  
5 “such Index” and inserting “Consumer Price  
6 Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical  
7 Workers (CPI–W, as published by the Bureau  
8 of Labor Statistics of the Department of  
9 Labor) or Consumer Price Index for Elderly  
10 Consumers (CPI–E, as published by such Bu-  
11 reau of such Department) (whichever such  
12 index results in the higher per centum under  
13 this subparagraph) exceeds, by not less than 3  
14 per centum, the same such Index”; and

15 (B) in paragraph (2)—

16 (i) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by strik-  
17 ing “Consumer Price Index for such cost-  
18 of-living computation quarter” and insert-  
19 ing “Consumer Price Index applicable for  
20 such year under paragraph (1)(B)”; and

21 (ii) in subparagraph (C)(i), by strik-  
22 ing “Consumer Price Index as published  
23 for any month exceeds by 2.5 percent or  
24 more the level of such index” and inserting  
25 “Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage

1                   Earners and Clerical Workers or Consumer  
2                   Price Index for Elderly Consumers as pub-  
3                   lished for any month exceeds by 2.5 per-  
4                   cent or more the level of such index”.

5                   (2) CONFORMING CHANGES.—Section 215(i)(4)  
6                   of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(4)) is  
7                   amended—

8                   (A) by striking “and by section 9001” and  
9                   inserting “, section 9001”; and

10                  (B) by inserting “and section 2 of the  
11                  Boosting Benefits and COLAs for Seniors Act,”  
12                  after “1986,”.

13                  (c) NO EFFECT ON ADJUSTMENTS UNDER OTHER  
14                  LAWS.—Section 215(i) of the Social Security Act (42  
15                  U.S.C. 415(i)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
16                  lowing:

17                  “(6) With respect to any provision of law (other than  
18                  in this title, title VIII, or title XVI) which provides for  
19                  an adjustment of an amount under such provision of law  
20                  in the same percentage as a cost-of-living adjustment ap-  
21                  plied to benefit amounts under this title, such provision  
22                  of law shall be applied and administered as if the percent-  
23                  age of such cost-of-living adjustment applied to benefit  
24                  amounts under this title were determined without regard  
25                  to the amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) of

1 section 2 of the Boosting Benefits and COLAs for Seniors  
2 Act.”.

3 (d) PUBLICATION OF CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR  
4 ELDERLY CONSUMERS.—The Bureau of Labor Statistics  
5 of the Department of Labor shall prepare and publish an  
6 index for each calendar month to be known as the “Con-  
7 sumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers” that indicates  
8 changes over time in expenditures for consumption which  
9 are typical for individuals in the United States who have  
10 attained age 62.

11 (e) TRANSITION RULE.—Prior to the publication of  
12 the Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers (CPI-  
13 E) pursuant to subsection (d), the reference to such index  
14 made in each of the amendments made by subsections (a)  
15 and (b) shall be deemed to be a reference to the research  
16 price index prepared by the Bureau of Labor Statistics  
17 of the Department of Labor known as the Consumer Price  
18 Index for Americans 62 years of age and older (R-CPI-  
19 E).

20 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
21 this section shall apply to determinations made with re-  
22 spect to cost-of-living computation quarters (as defined in  
23 section 215(i)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
24 415(i)(1)(B))) ending on or after September 30, 2026.

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