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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HORSFORD (for himself, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. FIELDS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. TITUS, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. RANDALL, and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Oversight and Government Reform, 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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Social Security Emer-  
5       gency Inflation Relief Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ECONOMIC RECOVERY PAYMENTS TO RECIPIENTS**  
2 **OF SOCIAL SECURITY, SUPPLEMENTAL SECU-**  
3 **RITY INCOME, RAILROAD RETIREMENT BENE-**  
4 **FITS, AND VETERANS DISABILITY COMPENSA-**  
5 **TION OR PENSION BENEFITS.**

6 (a) AUTHORITY TO MAKE PAYMENTS.—

7 (1) ELIGIBILITY.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—

9 (i) ELIGIBILITY FOR ECONOMIC RE-  
10 COVERY PAYMENT.—Subject to paragraph  
11 (5)(C), for any month during the applica-  
12 ble period, the Secretary of the Treasury  
13 shall disburse, in accordance with the cer-  
14 tification made under subsection (b) by the  
15 Commissioner of Social Security, the Rail-  
16 road Retirement Board, the Secretary of  
17 Veterans Affairs, or the Director of the Of-  
18 fice of Personnel Management, as applica-  
19 ble, an additional \$200 monthly benefit  
20 payment to each individual who, for any  
21 month during such applicable period—

22 (I) is entitled to a benefit pay-  
23 ment described in clause (i), (ii), (iii),  
24 or (iv) of subparagraph (B), or

25 (II) is eligible for a SSI cash  
26 benefit described in subparagraph (C).

1 (ii) APPLICABLE PERIOD.—For pur-  
2 poses of this section, the term “applicable  
3 period” means any month during the pe-  
4 riod beginning on January 1, 2026, and  
5 ending on June 30, 2026.

6 (B) BENEFIT PAYMENT DESCRIBED.—For  
7 purposes of subparagraph (A):

8 (i) TITLE II BENEFIT.—A benefit pay-  
9 ment described in this clause is a monthly  
10 insurance benefit payable under title II of  
11 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et  
12 seq.), without regard to sections 202(j)(1)  
13 and 223(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
14 402(j)(1), 423(b)).

15 (ii) RAILROAD RETIREMENT BEN-  
16 EFIT.—A benefit payment described in this  
17 clause is a monthly annuity or pension  
18 payment payable under the Railroad Re-  
19 tirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231 et  
20 seq.), without regard to section 5(a)(ii) of  
21 such Act (45 U.S.C. 231d(a)(ii)).

22 (iii) VETERANS BENEFIT.—A benefit  
23 payment described in this clause is a com-  
24 pensation or pension payment payable  
25 under—

1 (I) section 1110, 1117, 1121,  
2 1131, 1141, or 1151 of title 38,  
3 United States Code;

4 (II) section 1310, 1312, 1313,  
5 1315, 1316, or 1318 of title 38,  
6 United States Code;

7 (III) section 1513, 1521, 1536,  
8 1537, 1541, 1542, or 1562 of title 38,  
9 United States Code; or

10 (IV) section 1805, 1815, or 1821  
11 of title 38, United States Code,  
12 to a veteran, surviving spouse, child, or  
13 parent as described in paragraph (2), (3),  
14 (4)(A)(ii), or (5) of section 101, title 38,  
15 United States Code, who received that ben-  
16 efit during any month during the applica-  
17 ble period.

18 (iv) CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT SYS-  
19 TEM BENEFIT.—A benefit payment de-  
20 scribed in this clause is an annuity pay-  
21 ment under subchapter III of chapter 83  
22 of title 5, United States Code.

23 (C) SSI CASH BENEFIT DESCRIBED.—A  
24 SSI cash benefit described in this subparagraph  
25 is a cash benefit payable under section 1611

1 (other than under subsection (e)(1)(B) of such  
2 section) or 1619(a) of the Social Security Act  
3 (42 U.S.C. 1382, 1382h).

4 (2) REQUIREMENT.—A payment shall be made  
5 under paragraph (1) only to individuals who reside  
6 in 1 of the 50 States, the District of Columbia,  
7 Puerto Rico, Guam, the United States Virgin Is-  
8 lands, American Samoa, or the Northern Mariana  
9 Islands. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the  
10 determination of the individual's residence shall be  
11 based on the current address of record under a pro-  
12 gram specified in paragraph (1).

13 (3) NO DOUBLE PAYMENTS.—An individual  
14 who is eligible for a payment under this section shall  
15 be paid only 1 such payment per month, regardless  
16 of whether the individual is entitled to, or eligible  
17 for, more than 1 benefit or cash payment described  
18 in paragraph (1).

19 (4) LIMITATION.—A payment under this section  
20 shall not be made—

21 (A) in the case of an individual entitled to  
22 a benefit specified in paragraph (1)(B)(i) or a  
23 benefit specified in paragraph (1)(B)(ii), if the  
24 individual is entitled to such benefit on the  
25 basis of section 7(b)(2) of the Railroad Retire-

1           ment Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231f(b)(2)) if, for  
2           the most recent month of such individual's enti-  
3           tlement in the applicable period, such individ-  
4           ual's benefit under such paragraph was not  
5           payable by reason of subsection (x) or (y) of  
6           section 202 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
7           402) or section 1129A of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
8           1320a-8a);

9           (B) in the case of an individual entitled to  
10          a benefit specified in paragraph (1)(B)(iii) if,  
11          for the most recent month of such individual's  
12          entitlement in the applicable period, such indi-  
13          vidual's benefit under such paragraph was not  
14          payable, or was reduced, by reason of section  
15          1505, 5313, or 5313B of title 38, United  
16          States Code;

17          (C) in the case of an individual eligible for  
18          a benefit specified in paragraph (1)(C) if, for  
19          the most recent month in which the individual  
20          was so eligible in the applicable period, such in-  
21          dividual's benefit under such paragraph was not  
22          payable by reason of subsection (e)(1)(A) or  
23          (e)(4) of section 1611 (42 U.S.C. 1382) or sec-  
24          tion 1129A of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a-8a);  
25          or

1 (D) in the case of any individual whose  
2 date of death occurs before the date on which  
3 the payment is certified.

4 (5) TIMING AND MANNER OF PAYMENTS.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—At the earliest prac-  
6 ticable date but in no event later than 30 days  
7 after the date of enactment of this Act, the  
8 Commissioner of Social Security, in coordina-  
9 tion with the Railroad Retirement Board, the  
10 Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the Director  
11 of the Office of Personnel Management, shall  
12 commence certifying monthly payments under  
13 this section. Such payments may be certified to  
14 be electronically delivered in the same manner  
15 and to the same account identified by the payee  
16 or on file with the relevant agency through the  
17 applicable benefit program described in para-  
18 graph (1).

19 (B) NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.—The Com-  
20 missioner of Social Security, the Railroad Re-  
21 tirement Board, the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
22 fairs, and the Director of the Office of Per-  
23 sonnel Management (as applicable) shall each,  
24 as soon as practicable after payments begin to  
25 be issued under this section, provide each indi-

vidual who is determined to be eligible for such payments with a notice that includes the following:

(i) Information regarding the individual's eligibility for payments under this section, the amount of payments the individual is eligible for, and the manner in which the payments will be delivered.

(ii) Notice that the payments under this section are disregarded for Federal income tax purposes and for purposes of determining eligibility for, or the amount of, benefits or assistance under any Federal or federally-assisted benefit program.

(C) DEADLINE.—No payments shall be disbursed by the Secretary of the Treasury under this section after July 1, 2026, regardless of any determinations of entitlement to, or eligibility for, such payments made after such date.

(b) IDENTIFICATION OF RECIPIENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commissioner of Social Security (in coordination with the Railroad Retirement Board, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and



1 the Director of the Office of Personnel Management)  
2 shall—

3 (A) identify individuals entitled to, or eligi-  
4 ble for, more than 1 benefit or cash payment  
5 described in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) for  
6 purposes of ensuring compliance with para-  
7 graph (3) of such subsection, and

8 (B) certify the individuals entitled to re-  
9 ceive payments under this section and provide  
10 the Secretary of the Treasury with the informa-  
11 tion needed for the Secretary of the Treasury to  
12 disburse such payments.

13 (2) SUBSEQUENT DETERMINATION OF ENTI-  
14 TLEMENT OR ELIGIBILITY.—A certification of an in-  
15 dividual under this subsection shall be unaffected by  
16 any subsequent determination or redetermination of  
17 the individual's entitlement to, or eligibility for, a  
18 benefit specified in subparagraph (B) or (C) of sub-  
19 section (a)(1).

20 (c) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—

21 (1) PAYMENT TO BE DISREGARDED FOR PUR-  
22 POSES OF ALL FEDERAL AND FEDERALLY ASSISTED  
23 PROGRAMS.—A payment under subsection (a) shall  
24 not be regarded as income and shall not be regarded  
25 as a resource, for purposes of determining the eligi-

1 bility of the recipient (or the recipient's spouse or  
2 family) for benefits or assistance, or the amount or  
3 extent of benefits or assistance, under any Federal  
4 program or under any State or local program fi-  
5 nanced in whole or in part with Federal funds.

6 (2) PAYMENT NOT CONSIDERED INCOME FOR  
7 PURPOSES OF TAXATION.—A payment under sub-  
8 section (a) shall not be considered as gross income  
9 for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

10 (3) PAYMENTS PROTECTED FROM ASSIGN-  
11 MENT.—The provisions of sections 207 and  
12 1631(d)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
13 407, 1383(d)(1)), section 14(a) of the Railroad Re-  
14 tirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231m(a)), and sec-  
15 tion 5301 of title 38, United States Code, shall  
16 apply to any payment made under subsection (a) as  
17 if such payment was a benefit payment or cash ben-  
18 efit to such individual under the applicable program  
19 described in subparagraph (B) or (C) of subsection  
20 (a)(1).

21 (4) PAYMENTS NOT SUBJECT TO OFFSET.—  
22 Notwithstanding section 3716 of title 31, United  
23 States Code, any payment made under this section  
24 shall not—

1 (A) be subject to offset under such section;

2 and

3 (B) be counted towards the amount of the  
4 exemption for Federal benefit programs under  
5 subsection (c)(3)(A)(ii) of such section.

6 (d) PAYMENT TO REPRESENTATIVE PAYEES AND FI-  
7 DUCIARIES.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—In any case in which an in-  
9 dividual who is entitled to a payment under sub-  
10 section (a) and whose benefit payment or cash ben-  
11 efit described in paragraph (1) of that subsection is  
12 paid to a representative payee or fiduciary, the pay-  
13 ment under subsection (a) shall be made to the indi-  
14 vidual's representative payee or fiduciary and the en-  
15 tire payment shall be used only for the benefit of the  
16 individual who is entitled to the payment.

17 (2) APPLICABILITY.—

18 (A) PAYMENT ON THE BASIS OF A TITLE  
19 II OR SSI BENEFIT.—Section 1129(a)(3) of the  
20 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a–8(a)(3))  
21 shall apply to any payment made on the basis  
22 of an entitlement to a benefit specified in para-  
23 graph (1)(B)(i) or (1)(C) of subsection (a) in  
24 the same manner as such section applies to a  
25 payment under title II or XVI of such Act.

1 (B) PAYMENT ON THE BASIS OF A RAIL-  
2 ROAD RETIREMENT BENEFIT.—Section 13 of  
3 the Railroad Retirement Act (45 U.S.C. 231l)  
4 shall apply to any payment made on the basis  
5 of an entitlement to a benefit specified in para-  
6 graph (1)(B)(ii) of subsection (a) in the same  
7 manner as such section applies to a payment  
8 under such Act.

9 (C) PAYMENT ON THE BASIS OF A VET-  
10 ERANS BENEFIT.—Sections 5502, 6106, and  
11 6108 of title 38, United States Code, shall  
12 apply to any payment made on the basis of an  
13 entitlement to a benefit specified in paragraph  
14 (1)(B)(iii) of subsection (a) in the same manner  
15 as those sections apply to a payment under that  
16 title.

17 (e) PRESIDENTIAL PROHIBITION.—In providing ad-  
18 ditional monthly benefit payments to individuals pursuant  
19 to this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury may not include  
20 the name of the President on such payments or allow the  
21 President to sign any of the payments.

22 (f) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any sums in the Treas-  
23 ury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, the  
24 following sums are appropriated for fiscal year 2026, to  
25 carry out this section:

1 (1) For the Secretary of the Treasury—

2 (A) such sums as may be necessary for  
3 payments to individuals certified by the Com-  
4 missioner of Social Security, the Railroad Re-  
5 tirement Board, or the Secretary of Veterans  
6 Affairs as entitled to receive payments under  
7 this section; and

8 (B) \$11,000,000 for administrative costs  
9 incurred in carrying out this section.

10 (2) For the Commissioner of Social Security,  
11 \$83,000,000 for the Social Security Administration's  
12 Limitation on Administrative Expenses for costs in-  
13 curred in carrying out this section.

14 (3) For the Railroad Retirement Board,  
15 \$1,100,000 to the Railroad Retirement Board's  
16 Limitation on Administration for administrative  
17 costs incurred in carrying out this section.

18 (4) For the Secretary of Veterans Affairs,  
19 \$3,000,000 for the Information Systems Technology  
20 account and \$5,000,000 for the General Operating  
21 Expenses account for administrative costs incurred  
22 in carrying out this section.

1           (5) For the Director of the Office of Personnel  
2       Management, \$10,000,000 for administrative costs  
3       incurred in carrying out this section.

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