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H. R. 2167

To amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to improve the provisions relating to pension rights demonstration projects.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHUMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “Pension Assistance and
5 Counseling Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. PENSION RIGHTS DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.**

7 (a) PENSION RIGHTS COUNSELING PROGRAMS.—
8 Section 429J of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42
9 U.S.C. 3035r) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “PENSION
 2 RIGHTS INFORMATION PROGRAM.—The term ‘pen-
 3 sion rights information program” and inserting
 4 “PENSION RIGHTS COUNSELING PROGRAM.—The
 5 term ‘pension rights counseling program”;

6 (2) in subsection (c)—

7 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
 8 “PENSION RIGHTS INFORMATION
 9 PROGRAMS.—” and inserting “PENSION
 10 RIGHTS COUNSELING PROGRAMS.—”; and

11 (B) in paragraphs (2)(C)(i) and (3)(A)(i),
 12 by striking “pension rights information pro-
 13 gram” and inserting “pension rights counseling
 14 program”; and

15 (3) in subsection (d)(1)(A), by striking “pen-
 16 sion rights information programs” and inserting
 17 “pension rights counseling programs”.

18 (b) NUMBER OF GRANTS.—Section 429J(c) of such
 19 Act (42 U.S.C. 3035r(c)) is amended—

20 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “six”; and

21 (2) in paragraph (2)(A)—

22 (A) in clause (i), by striking “four”; and

23 (B) in clause (ii), by striking “two”.

24 (c) CRITERIA.—Section 429J(c)(2)(C) of such Act
 25 (42 U.S.C. 3035r(c)(2)(C)) is amended—

1 (1) in clause (ii), by striking “and” at the end;

2 (2) in clause (iii), by striking the period and in-
3 serting “; and”; and

4 (3) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(iv) evidence of ability of the agency
6 or organization to provide services under
7 the program on a statewide or regional
8 basis.”.

9 (d) TOLL-FREE NUMBER.—Section 429J(c) of such
10 Act (42 U.S.C. 3035r(c)) is amended by adding at the
11 end the following:

12 “(4) TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER.—The
13 Assistant Secretary shall enter into interagency
14 agreements for the establishment and operation of,
15 and dissemination of information about, a toll-free
16 telephone number for individuals seeking outreach,
17 information, counseling, referral, and assistance re-
18 garding pension and other retirement benefits, and
19 rights related to such benefits. The Assistant Sec-
20 retary shall enter into the agreements with the Sec-
21 retary of Labor and with the heads of such other
22 Federal agencies that regulate the provision of pen-
23 sion and other retirement benefits as the Assistant
24 Secretary determines to be appropriate to carry out
25 this paragraph.”.

1 (e) DURATION.—Section 429J(e) of such Act (42
2 U.S.C. 3035r(e)) is amended by striking “18 months” and
3 inserting “3 years”.

