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H. R. 2682

To amend the Social Security Act to improve the information made available in social security account statements and to provide for annual distribution of such statements to beneficiaries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 21, 1997

Mr. MEEHAN (for himself and Mr. SANFORD) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 Access
5 to Information Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT STATEMENTS**
2 **TO BENEFICIARIES INDICATING TOTAL BENE-**
3 **FITS PAID.**

4 Section 1143 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 1320b–13) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “Beginning
7 not later than October 1, 1990, the Secretary” and
8 inserting “The Commissioner of Social Security”;

9 (2) in subsection (a)(2), by redesignating sub-
10 paragraphs (B), (C), and (D), as subparagraphs
11 (C), (D), and (E), respectively, and by inserting
12 after subparagraph (A) the following new subpara-
13 graph:

14 “(B) the total amount of benefits paid as of the
15 date of the request to the eligible individual and the
16 total amount of benefits paid as of such date to all
17 beneficiaries on the basis of the eligible individual’s
18 wages and self-employment income;”;

19 (3) by adding at the end of subsection (a)(2),
20 after and below subparagraph (E) (as redesignated),
21 the following new sentence:

22 “Dollar amounts specified pursuant to subparagraphs (A),
23 (B), (C), and (D) shall be expressed in terms of actual
24 dollars and in terms of current dollars.”; and

1 (4) in subsection (c), by striking “(c)(1) By not
2 later” and all that follows through “appropriate.” in
3 paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

4 “(c) Beginning not later than October 1, 1998, the
5 Commissioner of Social Security shall provide a statement
6 on an annual basis to each eligible individual for whom
7 a current mailing address can be determined through such
8 methods as the Commissioner determines to be appro-
9 priate.”.

10 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

11 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
12 respect to social security account statements provided
13 after September 30, 1998, and before October 1, 2018.

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