107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION **H. R. 1731**

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the earnings
test for individuals who have attained age 62.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 3, 2001

Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. WELDON of Florida, and
Mr. DOOLITTLE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

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A BILL

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the earnings test for individuals who have attained age 62.

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   The Act may be cited as the "Social Security Earn-

5 ings Limit Repeal Act of 2001".

6 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF EARNINGS TEST FOR INDIVID-**

7   **UALS WHO HAVE ATTAINED AGE 62.**

8   (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 203 of the Social Security

9 Act (42 U.S.C. 403) is amended—

1   (1) in subsection (c)(1), by striking "retirement

2 age (as defined in section 216(l))" and inserting

3 "the age of 62";

4   (2) in paragraphs (1)(A) and (2) of subsection

5 (d), by striking "retirement age (as defined in sec-

6 tion 216(l))" each place it appears and inserting

7 "the age of 62";

8   (3) in subsection (f)(1)(B), by striking "was at

9 or above retirement age (as defined in section

10 216(l))" and inserting "was age 62 or above";

11   (4) in subsection (f)(3)—

12   (A) by striking "33⅓ percent" and all

13   that follows through "any other individual,"

14   and inserting "50 percent of such individual's

15   earnings for such year in excess of the product

16   of the exempt amount as determined under

17   paragraph (8),"; and

18   (B) by striking "retirement age (as defined

19   in section 216(l))" and inserting "age 62";

20   (5) in subsection (f)(8)(E), by striking "retire-

21 ment age (as defined in section 216(l))" and insert-

22 ing "age 62";

23   (6) in subsection (h)(1)(A), by striking "retire-

24 ment age (as defined in section 216(l))" each place

25 it appears and inserting "age 62"; and

1   (7) in subsection (j)—

2   (A) in the heading, by striking "Retire-

3   ment Age" and inserting "Age 62"; and

4   (B) by striking "having attained retire-

5   ment age (as defined in section 216(l))" and in-

6   serting "62 years of age".

7   (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS ELIMINATING THE

8 SPECIAL EXEMPT AMOUNT FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE

9 ATTAINED RETIREMENT AGE.—

10   (1) SINGLE   EXEMPT   AMOUNT.—Section

11 203(f)(8) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 403(f)(8)) is

12 amended—

13   (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking "the

14 new exempt amounts (separately stated for in-

15 dividuals described in subparagraph (D) and for

16 other individuals) which are to be applicable"

17 and inserting "a new exempt amount which

18 shall be applicable";

19   (B) in the matter in subparagraph (B)

20 preceding clause (i), by striking "Except" and

21 all that follows through "whichever" and insert-

22 ing "The exempt amount which is applicable for

23 each month of a particular taxable year shall be

24 whichever";

1 　　　　(C) in clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph

2 　　　(B), by striking "corresponding" each place it

3 　　　appears; and

4 　　　　(D) in the last sentence of subparagraph

5 　　　(B), by striking "an exempt amount" and in-

6 　　　serting "the exempt amount".

7 　　(2) ELIMINATION OF RULES FOR COMPUTING

8 SPECIAL EXEMPT AMOUNT.—Section 203(f)(8) of

9 such Act (42 U.S.C. (f)(8)(D)) is amended

10 further—

11 　　　　(A) by striking subparagraph (D);

12 　　　　(B) by redesignating subparagraph (E) (as

13 　　　amended by subsection (a)(5)) as subparagraph

14 　　　(D); and

15 　　　　(C) in subparagraph (D) (as redesignated),

16 　　　by striking "Notwithstanding subparagraph

17 　　　(D), no" and inserting "No".

18 　　(3) MAINTENANCE OF CURRENT RULES FOR

19 DISABILITY BENEFITS.—Section 223(d)(4)(A) of

20 such Act (42 U.S.C. 423(d)(4)(A)) is amended by

21 inserting "and section 2 of the Social Security Earn-

22 ings Limit Repeal Act of 2001" after "section 102

23 of the Senior Citizens' Right to Work Act of 1996".

1 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2   The amendments made by this Act shall apply with

3 respect to taxable years ending after December 31, 2001.

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