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S. 682

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to restore the link between the maximum amount of earnings by blind individuals permitted without demonstrating ability to engage in substantial gainful activity and the exempt amount permitted in determining excess earnings under the earnings test.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 3, 2001

Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. WARNER, Mr. DEWINE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. HELMS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REID, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. REED, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. THURMOND, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Blind Persons Earn-
3 ings Equity Act of 2001”.

4 **SEC. 2. RESTORATION OF LINK BETWEEN RULES RELATING**
5 **TO SUBSTANTIAL GAINFUL ACTIVITY FOR**
6 **BLIND INDIVIDUALS AND RULES RELATING**
7 **TO EXCESS EARNINGS UNDER THE EARNINGS**
8 **TEST.**

9 Section 223(d)(4) of the Social Security Act (42
10 U.S.C. 432(d)(4)) is amended, in the second sentence, by
11 striking “, if section 102 of the Senior Citizens’ Right to
12 Work Act of 1996 had not been enacted”.

13 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

14 The amendment made by section 2 shall apply to de-
15 terminations of an ability to engage in substantial gainful
16 activity made on or after the date of enactment of this
17 Act.

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