

108TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3169

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2003

Mr. GOODE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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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 “Social Security Disability  
5 Determination Simplification Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF RECONSIDERATION IN THE RE-**  
2 **VIEW PROCESS GOVERNING DECISIONS ON**  
3 **BENEFIT ENTITLEMENT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 205(b)(1) of the Social  
5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(b)(1)) is amended by adding  
6 at the end the following new sentence: “Opportunity for  
7 a hearing under this title in accordance with this sub-  
8 section with respect to any initial decision or determina-  
9 tion under this title shall be available without any require-  
10 ment for intervening reconsideration.”.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 205(b) of  
12 such Act is amended—

13 (1) by striking paragraph (2); and

14 (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-  
15 graph (2).

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
17 this section shall apply with respect to initial decisions and  
18 determinations (subject to opportunity for a hearing to the  
19 extent provided under section 205(b) of the Social Secu-  
20 rity Act) issued after 1 year after the date of the enact-  
21 ment of this Act.

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