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To amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that a monthly insurance benefit thereunder shall be paid for the month in which the recipient dies, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that a monthly insurance benefit thereunder shall be paid for the month in which the recipient dies, and for other purposes.

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 Bene-
5 fits Protection Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENTITLEMENT TO BENEFITS FOR MONTH OF BENE-**
2 **FICIARY'S DEATH.**

3 (a) OLD-AGE INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Section
4 202(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(a)) is
5 amended by striking “the month preceding” in the matter
6 following subparagraph (B).

7 (b) WIFE'S INSURANCE BENEFITS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 202(b)(1) of such
9 Act (42 U.S.C. 402(b)(1)) is amended—

10 (A) by striking “and ending with the
11 month” in the matter immediately following
12 clause (ii) and inserting “and ending with the
13 month in which she dies or (if earlier) with the
14 month”;

15 (B) by striking subparagraph (E); and

16 (C) by redesignating subparagraphs (F)
17 through (K) as subparagraphs (E) through (J),
18 respectively.

19 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
20 202(b)(5)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
21 402(b)(5)(B)) is amended by striking “(E), (F),
22 (H), or (J)” and inserting “(E), (G), or (I)”.

23 (c) HUSBAND'S INSURANCE BENEFITS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 202(c)(1) of the So-
25 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(c)(1)) is amend-
26 ed—

1 (A) by striking “and ending with the
2 month” in the matter immediately following
3 clause (ii) and inserting “and ending with the
4 month in which he dies or (if earlier) with the
5 month”;

6 (B) by striking subparagraph (E); and

7 (C) by redesignating subparagraphs (F)
8 through (K) as subparagraphs (E) through (J),
9 respectively.

10 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
11 202(c)(5)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
12 402(c)(5)(B)) is amended by striking “(E), (F),
13 (H), or (J)” and inserting “(E), (G), or (I)”.

14 (d) CHILD’S INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Section
15 202(d)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
16 402(d)(1)) is amended—

17 (1) by striking “and ending with the month” in
18 the matter immediately preceding subparagraph (D)
19 and inserting “and ending with the month in which
20 such child dies or (if earlier) with the month”; and

21 (2) by striking “dies, or” in subparagraph (D).

22 (e) WIDOW’S INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Section
23 202(e)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(e)(1))
24 is amended by striking “ending with the month preceding
25 the first month in which any of the following occurs: she

1 remarries, dies,” in the matter following subparagraph (F)
2 and inserting “ending with the month in which she dies
3 or (if earlier) with the month preceding the first month
4 in which any of the following occurs: she remarries,”.

5 (f) WIDOWER’S INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Section
6 202(f)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(f)(1))
7 is amended by striking “ending with the month preceding
8 the first month in which any of the following occurs: he
9 remarries, dies,” in the matter following subparagraph (F)
10 and inserting “ending with the month in which he dies
11 or (if earlier) with the month preceding the first month
12 in which any of the following occurs: he remarries,”.

13 (g) MOTHER’S AND FATHER’S INSURANCE BENE-
14 FITS.—Section 202(g)(1) of the Social Security Act (42
15 U.S.C. 402(g)(1)) is amended, in the matter following
16 subparagraph (F)—

17 (1) by inserting “with the month in which he or
18 she dies or (if earlier)” after “and ending”; and

19 (2) by striking “he or she remarries, or he or
20 she dies” and inserting “or he or she remarries”.

21 (h) PARENT’S INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Section
22 202(h)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
23 402(h)(1)) is amended by striking “ending with the month
24 preceding the first month in which any of the following
25 occurs: such parent dies, marries,” in the matter following

1 subparagraph (E) and inserting “ending with the month
2 in which such parent dies or (if earlier) with the month
3 preceding the first month in which any of the following
4 occurs: such parent marries”.

5 (i) DISABILITY INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Section
6 223(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 423(a)(1))
7 is amended by striking “ending with the month preceding
8 whichever of the following months is the earliest: the
9 month in which he dies,” in the matter following subpara-
10 graph (D) and inserting the following: “ending with the
11 month in which he dies or (if earlier) with whichever of
12 the following months is the earliest:”.

13 (j) BENEFITS AT AGE 72 FOR CERTAIN UNINSURED
14 INDIVIDUALS.—Section 228(a) of the Social Security Act
15 (42 U.S.C. 428(a)) is amended by striking “the month
16 preceding” in the matter following paragraph (4).

17 (k) EXEMPTION FROM MAXIMUM BENEFIT CAP.—
18 Section 203 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 403)
19 is amended by adding at the end the following:

20 “Exemption From Maximum Benefit Cap

21 “(m) Notwithstanding any other provision of this sec-
22 tion, the application of this section shall be made without
23 regard to monthly benefits received under section 202,
24 223, or 228 for the month in which the individual entitled
25 to those benefits dies.”.

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

2 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
3 respect to deaths occurring after the month in which this
4 Act is enacted.

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