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H. R. 899

To amend section 402 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide a 2-year extension of supplemental security income in fiscal years 2006 through 2008 for refugees, asylees, and certain other humanitarian immigrants.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 17, 2005

Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. ROSLEHTINEN, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Mr. BECERRA) 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 “SSI Extension for El-
5 derly and Disabled Refugees Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SSI EXTENSION FOR HUMANITARIAN IMMIGRANTS.**

2 Section 402(a)(2) of the Personal Responsibility and
3 Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C.
4 1612(a)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(M) TWO-YEAR SSI EXTENSION THROUGH
7 FISCAL YEAR 2008.—

8 “(i) IN GENERAL.—With respect to
9 eligibility for benefits for the specified Fed-
10 eral program described in paragraph
11 (3)(A), the 7-year period described in sub-
12 paragraph (A) shall be deemed to be a 9-
13 year period during fiscal years 2006
14 through 2008.

15 “(ii) ALIENS WHOSE BENEFITS
16 CEASED IN PRIOR FISCAL YEARS.—

17 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on
18 the date of the enactment of the SSI
19 Extension for Elderly and Disabled
20 Refugees Act, any qualified alien ren-
21 dered ineligible for the specified Fed-
22 eral program described in paragraph
23 (3)(A) during fiscal years prior to fis-
24 cal year 2006 solely by reason of the
25 termination of the 7-year period de-
26 scribed in subparagraph (A) shall be

1 eligible for such program for an addi-
2 tional 2-year period in accordance
3 with this subparagraph, if such alien
4 meets all other eligibility factors
5 under title XVI of the Social Security
6 Act.

7 “(II) PAYMENT OF BENEFITS.—
8 Benefits paid under subparagraph (I)
9 shall be paid prospectively over the
10 duration of the qualified alien’s re-
11 newed eligibility.”

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