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# H. R. 649

To amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to provide that annuities paid by States to blind veterans shall be disregarded in determining supplemental security income benefits.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 24, 2007

Mr. REYNOLDS (for himself, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. HIGGINS, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. CARNEY, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. SESTAK, Mr. ALTMIRE, Mr. ARCURI, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. MCHUGH, and Mr. WALSH of New York) 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 the “Blind Veterans Fair-  
5 ness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATE ANNUITIES FOR BLIND VETERANS TO BE**  
2 **DISREGARDED IN DETERMINING SUPPLE-**  
3 **MENTAL SECURITY INCOME BENEFITS.**

4 (a) INCOME DISREGARD.—Section 1612(b) of the So-  
5 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1382a(b)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
7 (22);

8 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
9 graph (23) and inserting “; and”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(24) any annuity paid by a State to the indi-  
12 vidual (or such spouse) on the basis of the individ-  
13 ual’s being a veteran (as defined in section 101 of  
14 title 38, United States Code) and blind, if a law of  
15 such State providing for such an annuity was in ef-  
16 fect on the date of the enactment of this para-  
17 graph.”.

18 (b) RESOURCE DISREGARD.—Section 1613(a) of  
19 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1382b(a)) is amended—

20 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
21 (14);

22 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
23 graph (15) and inserting “; and”; and

24 (3) by inserting after paragraph (15) the fol-  
25 lowing:

1           “(16) for the month of receipt and every month  
2           thereafter, any annuity paid by a State to the indi-  
3           vidual (or such spouse) on the basis of the individ-  
4           ual’s being a veteran (as defined in section 101 of  
5           title 38, United States Code) and blind, if a law of  
6           such State providing for such an annuity was in ef-  
7           fect on the date of the enactment of this para-  
8           graph.”.

9           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
10          this section shall apply to benefits paid for months begin-  
11          ning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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