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S. 1254

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 1, 2007

Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. HARKIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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 “Government Pension
3 Offset Reform Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON REDUCTIONS IN BENEFITS FOR**
5 **SPOUSES AND SURVIVING SPOUSES RECEIV-**
6 **ING GOVERNMENT PENSIONS.**

7 (a) **INSURANCE BENEFITS.**—Section 202(k)(5)(A) of
8 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(k)(5)(A)) is
9 amended—

10 (1) by inserting “the amount (if any) by which
11 the sum of such benefit (before reduction under this
12 paragraph) and” after “two-thirds of”; and

13 (2) by inserting “exceeds the amount described
14 in paragraph (6) for such month,” before “if”.

15 (b) **AMOUNT DESCRIBED.**—Section 202(k) of the So-
16 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(k)) is amended by adding
17 at the end the following:

18 “(6) The amount described in this paragraph is, for
19 months in each 12-month period beginning in December
20 of 2007, and each succeeding calendar year, the greater
21 of—

22 “(A) \$1,200; or

23 “(B) the amount applicable for months in the
24 preceding 12-month period, increased by the cost-of-
25 living adjustment for such period determined for an
26 annuity under section 8340 of title 5, United States

1 Code (without regard to any other provision of
2 law).”.

3 (c) LIMITATIONS ON REDUCTIONS IN BENEFITS.—
4 Section 202(k) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 402(k)), as amended by subsection (b), is amended by
6 adding at the end the following:

7 “(7) For any month after December 2007, in no
8 event shall an individual receive a reduction in a benefit
9 under paragraph (5)(A) for the month that is more than
10 the reduction in such benefit that would have applied for
11 such month under such paragraph as in effect for benefits
12 payable for December 2007.”.

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

14 The amendments made by section 2 shall apply with
15 respect to monthly insurance benefits payable under title
16 II of the Social Security Act for months after December
17 2007.

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