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H. R. 4893

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for the non-application of the waiting period for disability insurance benefits in cases of terminally ill beneficiaries, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 18, 2014

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico 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 “Jeremy Sanchez Social
5 Security Disability Insurance Fairness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NON-APPLICATION OF WAITING PERIOD FOR DIS-**
 2 **ABILITY INSURANCE BENEFITS IN CASES OF**
 3 **TERMINALLY ILL BENEFICIARIES.**

4 Section 223(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 5 423(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(3)(A) In the case of any application for dis-
 7 ability insurance benefits filed by an individual who
 8 is determined to be under a disability, paragraph (1)
 9 shall be applied without regard to the waiting period
 10 referred to in such paragraph if—

11 “(i) the individual is terminally ill, or

12 “(ii) the Commissioner of Social Security
 13 determines that the application of the waiting
 14 period would work an undue hardship on such
 15 individual (as determined on the basis of cri-
 16 teria established by the Commissioner).

17 “(B) For the purposes of this paragraph, an in-
 18 dividual is considered to be terminally ill if the indi-
 19 vidual has a medical prognosis that the individual’s
 20 life expectancy is 12 months or less.”.

21 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

22 The amendment made by section 2 shall apply with
 23 respect to applications for monthly insurance benefits filed
 24 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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