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To amend title III of the Social Security Act to prevent the payment of unemployment benefits to incarcerated individuals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REICHERT (for himself, Mr. BOUSTANY, and Mr. RENACCI) 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 “Permanently Ending
5 Receipt by Prisoners Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PREVENTING THE PAYMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT**
7 **BENEFITS TO INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 303 of the Social Security
9 Act (42 U.S.C. 503) is amended by adding at the end the
10 following:

1 “(n)(1) In order to obtain the information necessary
2 to carry out the provisions of a State law under which
3 an individual who is confined in a jail, prison, or other
4 penal institution or correctional facility pursuant to his
5 conviction of a criminal offense is ineligible for regular
6 compensation on account of such individual’s inability to
7 satisfy the requirement under subsection (a)(12), the
8 State agency charged with the administration of the State
9 law shall seek such information—

10 “(A) from the Commissioner of Social Security
11 under sections 202(x)(3)(B)(iv) and
12 1611(e)(1)(I)(iii); and

13 “(B) through such additional means as the
14 State agency considers appropriate.

15 “(2) If the Secretary of Labor, after reasonable no-
16 tice and opportunity for hearing to the State agency
17 charged with the administration of the State law, finds
18 that there is a failure to comply substantially with the re-
19 quirements of paragraph (1), the Secretary of Labor shall
20 notify such State agency that further payments will not
21 be made to the State until the Secretary of Labor is satis-
22 fied that there is no longer any such failure. Until the
23 Secretary of Labor is so satisfied, such Secretary shall
24 make no future certification to the Secretary of the Treas-
25 ury with respect to such State.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 1 year
3 after the date of enactment of this Act, except that the
4 Secretary of Labor may delay the application of the re-
5 quirement imposed by such amendment until a date that
6 is not later than 3 years after such date of enactment with
7 respect to any State for which the Secretary determines
8 that additional time is necessary to satisfy such require-
9 ment.

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