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H. R. 2585

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the five-month waiting period in the disability insurance program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL (for himself and Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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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 “Sanchez-Young Social
5 Security Disability Insurance for the Terminally Ill Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF TITLE II WAITING PERIOD FOR**
7 **TERMINALLY ILL INDIVIDUALS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 223(a)(1) of the Social
9 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 423(a)(1)) is amended by adding

1 at the end the following new sentence: “In the case of any
2 application for disability insurance benefits filed by an in-
3 dividual who is determined to be under a disability and
4 who is determined to be terminally ill by a primary care
5 provider (as defined by the individual’s State of residence),
6 medical specialist, or other qualified provider or with re-
7 spect to whom the Commissioner has determined would
8 otherwise suffer undue hardship by application of a wait-
9 ing period, this paragraph shall be applied without regard
10 to any waiting period. For the purposes of the preceding
11 sentence, an individual is considered to be terminally ill
12 if the individual has a medical prognosis that the individ-
13 ual’s life expectancy is 12 months or less.”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
15 this section shall take effect with respect to applications
16 filed after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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