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To provide that the Social Security Administration pay fees associated with obtaining birth certificate or State identification card for purposes of obtaining a replacement social security card for certain victims of domestic violence, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MURPHY of Florida (for himself, Mr. HASTINGS, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. DELANEY, Mr. POE of Texas, Ms. EDWARDS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. PITTENGER, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. NORTON, and Ms. MOORE) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. RESPONSIBILITY OF SOCIAL SECURITY ADMIN-**
2 **ISTRATION TO PAY FEES ASSOCIATED WITH**
3 **OBTAINING BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR STATE**
4 **IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR PURPOSES OF**
5 **OBTAINING A REPLACEMENT SOCIAL SECU-**
6 **RITY CARD FOR CERTAIN VICTIMS OF DO-**
7 **MESTIC VIOLENCE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 205(c)(2)(G) of the Social
9 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(c)(2)(G)) is amended—

10 (1) by inserting “(i)” before “The Commis-
11 sioner”; and

12 (2) by adding after and below the end the fol-
13 lowing new clause:

14 “(ii)(I) In the case of a person described in subclause
15 (II) who has submitted to the Commissioner an applica-
16 tion to replace a social security card issued to the person,
17 the Commissioner shall pay, upon request by the person,
18 any fees charged by any governmental authority for fur-
19 nishing the person with any of the following documents
20 required to be submitted as part of the application:

21 “(aa) A birth certificate of the person.

22 “(bb) An identification card issued to the per-
23 son by a State, that shows that the person is a resi-
24 dent of the State.

25 “(II) A person described in this subclause is a person
26 who is verified by the staff of a victim service program,

1 an attorney, a medical professional, or a mental health
 2 professional from whom the person has sought assistance
 3 relating to domestic violence, dating violence, family vio-
 4 lence, sexual assault, or stalking (or the effects of such
 5 abuse) to be a victim of domestic violence, dating violence,
 6 family violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

7 “(III) The provision by a person described in sub-
 8 clause (I) of authorization to release information about the
 9 person, and the provision of information pursuant to the
 10 authorization, shall not be construed to be a waiver of any
 11 privilege of the person, under Federal or State law, relat-
 12 ing to the confidentiality of communications between a do-
 13 mestic violence victim and an advocate of such a victim.

14 “(IV) In this clause—

15 “(aa) the terms ‘domestic violence’, ‘dating vio-
 16 lence’, ‘sexual assault’, and ‘stalking’ each have the
 17 meanings given such terms in section 40002(a) of
 18 the Violence Against Women Act of 1994; and

19 “(bb) the term ‘family violence’ has the mean-
 20 ing given the term in section 302 of the Family Vio-
 21 lence Prevention and Services Act.”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 23 subsection (a) shall apply to applications submitted after

1 the 90-day period that begins with the date of the enact-
2 ment of this Act.

