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S. 499

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to prevent concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 12, 2015

Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. COATS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. SCOTT) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Social Security Dis-
5 ability Insurance and Unemployment Benefits Double Dip
6 Elimination Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISQUALIFICATION ON RECEIPT OF DISABILITY IN-**
2 **SURANCE BENEFITS IN A MONTH FOR WHICH**
3 **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION IS RE-**
4 **CEIVED.**

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

8 “(C)(i) If for any week in whole or in part within
9 a month an individual is paid or determined to be eligible
10 for unemployment compensation, such individual shall be
11 deemed to have engaged in substantial gainful activity for
12 such month.

13 “(ii) For purposes of clause (i), the term ‘unemploy-
14 ment compensation’ means—

15 “(I) ‘regular compensation’, ‘extended com-
16 pensation’, and ‘additional compensation’ (as such
17 terms are defined by section 205 of the Federal-
18 State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act
19 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note)); and

20 “(II) trade adjustment assistance under title II
21 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2251 et
22 seq.).”.

23 (b) TRIAL WORK PERIOD.—Section 222(c) of the So-
24 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 422(c)) is amended by adding
25 at the end the following:

1 “(6)(A) For purposes of this subsection, an individual
2 shall be deemed to have rendered services in a month if
3 the individual is entitled to unemployment compensation
4 for such month.

5 “(B) For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term
6 ‘unemployment compensation’ means—

7 “(i) ‘regular compensation’, ‘extended com-
8 pensation’, and ‘additional compensation’ (as such
9 terms are defined by section 205 of the Federal-
10 State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act
11 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note)); and

12 “(ii) trade adjustment assistance under title II
13 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2251 et
14 seq.).”.

15 (c) DATA MATCHING.—The Commissioner of Social
16 Security shall implement the amendments made by this
17 section using appropriate electronic data.

18 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
19 this section shall apply with respect to individuals who ini-
20 tially apply for disability insurance benefits on or after
21 January 1, 2016.

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