

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3432

To amend title II of the Social Security Act relating to the reimbursement of travel expenses.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2017

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas 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 “Social Security Travel
5 Reimbursement Reform Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL EXPENSES.**

7 (a) REDUCTION OF TRUST FUND EXPENSES.—Sec-
8 tion 201(j) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401(j))
9 is amended—

10 (1) by striking “, their representatives,”; and

1 (2) by striking the last sentence.

2 (b) AUTHORIZATION FOR CERTAIN REPRESENTATIVE
3 TRAVEL EXPENSES TO BE COLLECTED FROM CLAIM-
4 ANTS.—Section 206(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42
5 U.S.C. 406(a)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the
6 following: “Notwithstanding the previous sentence, the
7 Commissioner may authorize a representative to collect
8 from a claimant travel expenses incurred by the represent-
9 ative attending reconsideration interviews and proceedings
10 on behalf of the claimant. Such amount authorized to be
11 collected shall not exceed the amount that would be avail-
12 able under section 201(j) for such travel originating within
13 the geographic area of the office having jurisdiction over
14 such proceeding. If a representative receives a fee under
15 an agreement pursuant to paragraph (2)(A) of this sub-
16 section, the total amount the representative receives shall
17 be equal to the amount specified under such paragraph
18 plus the amount of any travel expenses authorized under
19 this paragraph.”.

20 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
21 this section shall apply with respect to applications for
22 monthly insurance benefits filed on or after the date of
23 the enactment of this section.

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