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H. R. 7261

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to permit individuals to select a monthly benefit payment date.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2018

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 Benefit
5 Payments Choice Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. PAYMENT DATE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 205 of the Social Security
8 Act (42 U.S.C. 405) is amended by adding at the end the
9 following:

1 “(v)(1) The Commissioner shall permit individuals
2 entitled to monthly insurance benefits under this title
3 (other than individuals concurrently entitled to benefits
4 under this title and title XVI) to select, at the time of
5 application for monthly insurance benefits or during the
6 annual, coordinated election period (as defined in section
7 1851(e)(3)(B)) for any calendar year, any day of the
8 month as the individual’s monthly payment date.

9 “(2) At the time an individual selects a monthly pay-
10 ment date as described in paragraph (1), the Commis-
11 sioner shall ensure that the individual is notified of the
12 effects of such selection, including any effects on the tim-
13 ing of delivery of benefit payments.

14 “(3) After an individual selects a monthly payment
15 date as described in paragraph (1), the Commissioner
16 shall send a notice to the individual that provides con-
17 firmation of the monthly payment date selected, the date
18 of the selection and the manner in which the selection was
19 made, and the 1st month for which the selection takes ef-
20 fect.

21 “(4) In any month in which the monthly payment
22 date selected by an individual as described in paragraph
23 (1) is a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, payment
24 shall be made—

1 “(A) on the 1st day preceding such monthly
2 payment date that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or
3 Federal holiday in any case in which such preceding
4 day occurs during such month; and

5 “(B) in any other case, on the 1st day following
6 such monthly payment date that is not a Saturday,
7 Sunday, or Federal holiday.”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
9 this section shall take effect 1 year after the date of enact-
10 ment of this Act.

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