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H. R. 2656

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2019

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia (for himself, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mrs. HARTZLER, and Mr. CRAWFORD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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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 "ABLE Accounts for

5 Veterans Act of 2019".

SEC. 2. CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS TO ABLE ACCOUNTS DIS-REGARDED IN DETERMINATION OF SUBSTANTIAL GAINFUL ACTIVITY.

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

"(D) In determining when earnings derived from services demonstrate an individual's ability to engage in substantial gainful activity, in the case of earnings earned in a month by an individual who receives compensation for a service-connected disability for such month under chapter 11 of title 38, United States Code, the Commissioner of Social Security shall disregard an amount of such earnings equal to the amount of any contribution made by the individual in such month to a qualified ABLE program (as defined in section 529A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) established for the benefit of such individual.".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to earnings earned for months beginning after the date that is 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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