

116TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 5634

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 16, 2020

Mr. BURCHETT 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. LIMITATION ON PAYMENT OF SOCIAL SECU-**  
4       **RITY REPRESENTATIVE FEES.**

5       Section 206 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
6       406) is amended by adding at the end the following:

7       “(f) In no case shall any fee required by subsection  
8       (a)(4) or (b)(1) to be certified for payment to an attorney

1 (or a nonattorney described in subsection (e)) from a  
2 claimant's past-due benefits be paid prior to the payment  
3 to such claimant of the full amount of such past-due bene-  
4 fits.”.

5 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO EXPEDITE PAST-DUE BENEFIT**  
6 **PAYMENTS.**

7       Of any unobligated amounts otherwise available to  
8 the Commissioner of Social Security, the Commissioner  
9 shall expend not less than \$1,500,000 for the purpose of  
10 expediting the payment of past-due benefits.

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