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H. R. 3971

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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ARRINGTON (for himself, Mr. HERN, and Mr. RICE of South Carolina) 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 “Double Dip Elimini-
5 nation 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 “(D)(i) If for any week ending within a month an
9 individual is paid unemployment compensation, such indi-
10 vidual shall be deemed to have engaged in substantial
11 gainful activity for such month.

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

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

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

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

25 “(6)(A) For purposes of this subsection, an individual
26 shall be deemed to have rendered services in a month if

1 the individual is paid unemployment compensation for any
2 week ending within such month.

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

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

10 “(ii) trade readjustment allowance under title II
11 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2251 et
12 seq.).”.

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

16 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17 this section shall apply with respect to individuals who ini-
18 tially apply for disability insurance benefits on or after
19 January 1, 2022, and are paid unemployment compensa-
20 tion for any week ending on or after January 1, 2022.

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