

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 7573

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2026

Ms. DEXTER (for herself and Mr. CAREY) 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 “Modernize SSI Sti-  
5 pends Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADJUSTMENT OF THE MINIMUM MONTHLY PER-**  
2 **SONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCES FOR INSTITU-**  
3 **TIONALIZED INDIVIDUALS AND COUPLES**  
4 **UNDER THE SSI PROGRAM.**

5 (a) DOUBLING OF ALLOWANCES.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1611(e)(1)(B) of the  
7 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1382(e)(1)(B)) is  
8 amended—

9 (A) in each of clauses (i) and (ii)(I) by  
10 striking “\$360” and inserting “\$720”; and

11 (B) in clause (iii), by striking “\$720” and  
12 inserting “\$1,440”.

13 (2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made  
14 by paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to benefits  
15 for months after December 31, 2025.

16 (b) APPLICATION OF COST-OF-LIVING ADJUST-  
17 MENTS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1617(a)(1) of such  
19 Act (42 U.S.C. 1382f(a)(1)) is amended by striking  
20 “and (b)(2)” and inserting “(b)(2), and (e)(1)(B)”.

21 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section  
22 1611(e)(1)(B) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
23 1382(e)(1)(B)) is amended in each of clauses (i)  
24 through (iii) by inserting “(or, if greater, the  
25 amount determined under section 1617)” after each  
26 dollar amount specified in such clauses.

1           (3) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made  
2           by this subsection shall apply with respect to benefit  
3           amount increases for months after December 31,  
4           2025.

5           (c) PASS-THROUGH TO STATE SUPPLEMENTARY  
6 PAYMENTS.—

7           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1618(g) of such Act  
8           (42 U.S.C. 1382g(g)) is amended—

9                   (A) by striking “1987” each place it ap-  
10                  pears and inserting “2025”; and

11                   (B) in paragraph (4)(B), by striking “in-  
12                  creased—” and all that follows and inserting  
13                  “increased by the amount of all cost-of-living  
14                  adjustments under section 1617 to benefits de-  
15                  termined under section 1611(e)(1)(B) which  
16                  have occurred after September 2025 and before  
17                  that particular month.”.

18           (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
19           by paragraph (1) shall take effect on January 1,  
20           2026.

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