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To amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the five month waiting period for disability insurance benefits for individuals with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 2017

Mr. MOULTON (for himself, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. HECK, Mr. JONES, Mr. KEATING, Mr. KILMER, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mr. MACARTHUR, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. POCAN, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. TONKO, Mr. WALZ, and Mr. SWALWELL of California) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “ALS Disability Insur-  
3 ance Access Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF WAITING PERIOD FOR INDIVID-**  
5 **UALS WITH AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLER-**  
6 **OSIS (ALS).**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 223 of the Social Security  
8 Act (42 U.S.C. 423) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)—

10 (A) in paragraph (1), in the matter fol-  
11 lowing subparagraph (E), by striking “or (ii)”  
12 and inserting “(ii) in the case of an individual  
13 who has been medically determined to have  
14 amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), for each  
15 month beginning with the first month during all  
16 of which the individual is under a disability and  
17 in which the individual becomes entitled to such  
18 insurance benefits, or (iii)”;

19 (B) in paragraph (2)(B), by inserting “or  
20 (iii)” after “clause (ii)”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
22 this section shall apply with respect to applications for dis-  
23 ability insurance benefits filed after the date of the enact-  
24 ment of this Act.

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