

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1735

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2009

Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, and Mr. WU) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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. PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES TO THE ATTOR-**
4 **NEY IN CERTAIN SOCIAL SECURITY ACT**
5 **CLAIMS.**

6 Section 2412 of title 28, United States Code, is
7 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(g) In a civil action brought under section 205(g)
2 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(g)) in which
3 a prevailing party other than the United States is rep-
4 resented by an attorney, any attorney fees awarded under
5 this section to such prevailing party—

6 “(1) shall be paid directly to the attorney rep-
7 resenting the prevailing party; and

8 “(2) shall not be subject to offset under section
9 3716 of title 31 due to a claim against the prevailing
10 party.”.

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