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# H. R. 4012

To provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, supplemental security income beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAYSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To provide for a supplementary payment to Social Security beneficiaries, supplemental security income beneficiaries, and recipients of veterans benefits, and for other purposes.

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 “Seniors And Veterans  
5       Emergency Benefits Act” or the “SAVE Benefits Act”.

**1 SEC. 2. ONE-TIME SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENT TO SOCIAL  
2 SECURITY BENEFICIARIES AND VETERANS.**

**3 (a) AUTHORITY TO MAKE PAYMENTS.—**

#### 4 (1) ELIGIBILITY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (4)(C), the Secretary of the Treasury shall disburse a payment equal to the amount described in subsection (e) to each individual who, for any month during the 3-month period ending with the month which ends prior to the month that includes the date of the enactment of this Act, is entitled to a benefit payment described in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) of subparagraph (B), or is eligible for an SSI cash benefit described in subparagraph (C).

(B) BENEFIT PAYMENT DESCRIBED.—For purposes of subparagraph (A):



5(a)(ii) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231d(a)(ii))) under—

(45 U.S.C. § 281, (c)(1))

(II) SECTION 2(5) OF SUCH ACT (15)

U.S.C. §31a(c));

(III) section Z(d)(1)(i) of such

Act (45 U.S.C. 231a(d)(1)(i));

(IV) section 2(d)(1)(ii) of such

Act (45 U.S.C. 231a(d)(1)(ii));

(V) section 2(d)(1)(iii)(C) of such

## Act to an adult disabled child (45)

U.S.C. 231a(d)(1)(iii)(C));

(VI) section 2(d)(1)(iv) of such

Act (45 U.S.C. 231a(d)(1)(iv));

(VII) section 2(d)(1)(v) of such

Act (45 U.S.C. 231a(d)(1)(v)), or

(VIII) section 7(b)(2) of such Act.

(45 H.S.C. 2216a)(2)) (id.)

and (i) of this subparagraph.

(iii) VETERANS BENEFIT: A benefit

ment described in this clause is a component of the system.

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(I) section 1110, 1117, 1121, 1131, 1141, or 1151 of title 38, United States Code;

(II) section 1310, 1312, 1313, 1315, 1316, or 1318 of title 38, United States Code;

(III) section 1513, 1521, 1533, 1536, 1537, 1541, 1542, or 1562 of title 38, United States Code; or

(IV) section 1805, 1815, or 1821 of title 38, United States Code, to a veteran, surviving spouse, child, or parent as described in paragraph (2), (3), (4)(A)(ii), or (5) of section 101, title 38, United States Code, who received that benefit during any month within the 3-month period ending with the month which ends prior to the month that includes the date of the enactment of this Act.

(C) SSI CASH BENEFIT DESCRIBED.—An SSI cash benefit described in this subparagraph is a cash benefit payable under section 1611 (other than under subsection (e)(1)(B) of such section) or 1619(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1382, 1382h).

1                             (2) NO DOUBLE PAYMENTS.—An individual  
2 shall be paid only 1 payment under this section, re-  
3 gardless of whether the individual is entitled to, or  
4 eligible for, more than 1 benefit payment described  
5 in paragraph (1).

6                             (3) LIMITATION.—A payment under this section  
7 shall not be made—

8                                 (A) in the case of an individual entitled to  
9 a benefit specified in paragraph (1)(B)(i) or  
10 paragraph (1)(B)(ii)(VIII) if, for the most re-  
11 cent month of such individual's entitlement in  
12 the 3-month period described in paragraph (1),  
13 such individual's benefit under such paragraph  
14 was not payable by reason of subsection (x) or  
15 (y) of section 202 the Social Security Act (42  
16 U.S.C. 402) or section 1129A of such Act (42  
17 U.S.C. 1320a–8a);

18                                 (B) in the case of an individual entitled to  
19 a benefit specified in paragraph (1)(B)(iii) if,  
20 for the most recent month of such individual's  
21 entitlement in the 3-month period described in  
22 paragraph (1), such individual's benefit under  
23 such paragraph was not payable, or was re-  
24 duced, by reason of section 1505, 5313, or  
25 5313B of title 38, United States Code;

(C) in the case of an individual entitled to a benefit specified in paragraph (1)(C) if, for such most recent month, such individual's benefit under such paragraph was not payable by reason of subsection (e)(1)(A) or (e)(4) of section 1611 (42 U.S.C. 1382) or section 1129A of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a-8);

(D) in the case of an individual who has been penalized under section 1129(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320-8(a)); or

(E) in the case of any individual whose date of death occurs before the date on which the individual is certified under subsection (b) to receive a payment under this section.

**15 (4) TIMING AND MANNER OF PAYMENTS.—**

1           program described in subparagraph (B) or (C)  
2           of paragraph (1).

3           (B) NOTICE.—

4               (i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of  
5           the Treasury shall provide written notice,  
6           sent by mail to each individual receiving a  
7           payment under this section, explaining that  
8           the payment represents a one-time benefit  
9           increase to the benefit payment described  
10          in paragraph (1) to which the individual is  
11          entitled.

12              (ii) PUBLIC NOTICE.—The Secretary  
13          of the Treasury, in consultation with the  
14          Commissioner of Social Security and the  
15          Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall publish  
16          on a public website information about the  
17          payments authorized under this subsection,  
18          including—

19                   (I) information on eligibility for  
20                  such payments;

21                   (II) information on the time-  
22                  frame in which such payments will be  
23                  distributed; and

24                   (III) other relevant information.

6       (b) IDENTIFICATION OF RECIPIENTS.—The Commis-  
7 sioner of Social Security, the Railroad Retirement Board,  
8 and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall certify the in-  
9 dividuals entitled to receive payments under this section  
10 and provide the Secretary of the Treasury with the infor-  
11 mation needed to disburse such payments. A certification  
12 of an individual shall be unaffected by any subsequent de-  
13 termination or redetermination of the individual's entitle-  
14 ment to, or eligibility for, a benefit specified in subpara-  
15 graph (B) or (C) of subsection (a)(1).

**16 (c) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—**

17                             (1) PAYMENT TO BE DISREGARDED FOR PUR-  
18                             POSES OF ALL FEDERAL AND FEDERALLY ASSISTED  
19                             PROGRAMS.—A payment under subsection (a) shall  
20                             not be regarded as income and shall not be regarded  
21                             as a resource for the month of receipt and the fol-  
22                             lowing 9 months, for purposes of determining the  
23                             eligibility of the recipient (or the recipient's spouse  
24                             or family) for benefits or assistance, or the amount  
25                             or extent of benefits or assistance, under any Fed-

1       eral program or under any State or local program fi-  
2       nanced in whole or in part with Federal funds.

3                 (2) PAYMENT NOT CONSIDERED INCOME FOR  
4       PURPOSES OF TAXATION.—A payment under sub-  
5       section (a) shall not be considered as gross income  
6       for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

7                 (3) PAYMENTS PROTECTED FROM ASSIGN-  
8       MENT.—The provisions of section 207 of the Social  
9       Security Act (42 U.S.C. 407) and section 14(a) of  
10      the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C.  
11      231m(a)) shall apply to any payment made under  
12      subsection (a) as if such payment was a benefit pay-  
13      ment to such individual under the applicable pro-  
14      gram described in subsection (a)(1)(B).

15                 (4) TREATMENT UNDER SOCIAL SECURITY  
16      ACT.—

17                         (A) NO EFFECT ON FAMILY MAXIMUM.—  
18       For purposes of section 203(a) of the Social Se-  
19       curity Act (42 U.S.C. 403(a)), a payment under  
20       subsection (a) shall be disregarded in deter-  
21       mining reductions in benefits under such sec-  
22       tion.

23                         (B) PAYMENT NOT A GENERAL BENEFIT  
24       INCREASE.—For purposes of section 215(i) of  
25       the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)), a

1 payment under subsection (a) shall not be re-  
2 garded as a general benefit increase.

3 (5) PAYMENTS SUBJECT TO RECLAMATION.—  
4 Any payment made under this section shall, in the  
5 case of a payment by direct deposit which is made  
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, be sub-  
7 ject to the reclamation provisions under subpart B  
8 of part 210 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations  
9 (relating to reclamation of benefit payments).

10 (d) PAYMENT TO REPRESENTATIVE PAYEES AND FI-  
11 DUCIARIES.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—In any case in which an in-  
13 dividual who is entitled to a payment under sub-  
14 section (a) and whose benefit payment or cash ben-  
15 efit described in paragraph (1) of that subsection is  
16 paid to a representative payee or fiduciary, the pay-  
17 ment under subsection (a) shall be made to the indi-  
18 vidual's representative payee or fiduciary and the en-  
19 tire payment shall be used only for the benefit of the  
20 individual who is entitled to the payment.

21 (2) APPLICABILITY.—

22 (A) PAYMENT ON THE BASIS OF A TITLE  
23 II BENEFIT OR SSI BENEFIT.—Section  
24 1129(a)(3) of the Social Security Act (42  
25 U.S.C. 1320a-8(a)(3)) shall apply to any pay-

1           ment made on the basis of an entitlement to a  
2           benefit specified in paragraph (1)(B)(i) or  
3           (1)(C) of subsection (a) in the same manner as  
4           such section applies to a payment under title II  
5           or XVI of such Act.

6           (B) PAYMENT ON THE BASIS OF A RAIL-  
7           ROAD RETIREMENT BENEFIT.—Section 13 of  
8           the Railroad Retirement Act (45 U.S.C. 231l)  
9           shall apply to any payment made on the basis  
10          of an entitlement to a benefit specified in para-  
11          graph (1)(B)(ii) of subsection (a) in the same  
12          manner as such section applies to a payment  
13          under such Act.

14          (C) PAYMENT ON THE BASIS OF A VET-  
15          ERANS BENEFIT.—Sections 5502, 6106, and  
16          6108 of title 38, United States Code, shall  
17          apply to any payment made on the basis of an  
18          entitlement to a benefit specified in paragraph  
19          (1)(B)(iii) of subsection (a) in the same manner  
20          as those sections apply to a payment under that  
21          title.

22          (e) PAYMENT AMOUNT.—The amount described in  
23          this subsection is the amount that is equal to 3.9 percent  
24          of the average amount of annual benefits received by an  
25          individual entitled to benefits under title II of the Social

1 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) in calendar year  
2 2015, as determined by the Commissioner of Social Secu-  
3 rity, rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$1.

4 (f) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any sums in the Treas-  
5 ury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, the  
6 following sums are appropriated for the period of fiscal  
7 years 2016 through 2017, to remain available until ex-  
8 pended, to carry out this section:

9 (1) For the Secretary of the Treasury, such  
10 sums as may be necessary for administrative costs  
11 incurred in carrying out this section.

12 (2) For the Commissioner of Social Security—  
13 (A) such sums as may be necessary for  
14 payments to individuals certified by the Com-  
15 missioner of Social Security as entitled to re-  
16 ceive a payment under this section; and

17 (B) such sums as may be necessary to the  
18 Social Security Administration’s Limitation on  
19 Administrative Expenses for costs incurred in  
20 carrying out this section.

21 (3) For the Railroad Retirement Board—

22 (A) such sums as may be necessary for  
23 payments to individuals certified by the Rail-  
24 road Retirement Board as entitled to receive a  
25 payment under this section; and

(B) such sums as may be necessary to the Railroad Retirement Board's Limitation on Administration for administrative costs incurred in carrying out this section.

5 (4)(A) For the Secretary of Veterans Affairs—

**21 SEC. 3. SPECIAL CREDIT FOR CERTAIN GOVERNMENT RE-**

**22 TIREES**

23       (a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an eligible indi-  
24 vidual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax  
25 imposed by subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code of

1 1986 for the first taxable year beginning in 2015 an  
2 amount equal to \$581 (\$1,162 in the case of a joint return  
3 where both spouses are eligible individuals).

4 (b) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section,  
6 the term “eligible individual” means any indi-  
7 vidual—

8 (A) who receives during the first taxable  
9 year beginning in 2015 any amount as a pen-  
10 sion or annuity for service performed in the em-  
11 ploy of the United States or any State, or any  
12 instrumentality thereof, which is not considered  
13 employment for purposes of sections 3101(a)  
14 and 3111(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
15 1986, and

16 (B) who does not receive a payment under  
17 section 2 during such taxable year.

18 (2) IDENTIFICATION NUMBER REQUIREMENT.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “eligible indi-  
20 vidual” shall not include any individual who  
21 does not include on the return of tax for the  
22 taxable year—

23 (i) such individual’s social security ac-  
24 count number, and

(ii) in the case of a joint return, the social security account number of one of the taxpayers on such return.

(B) EXCLUSION OF TIN.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the social security account number shall not include a TIN (as defined in section 7701(a)(41) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) issued by the Internal Revenue Service. Any omission of a correct social security account number required under this paragraph shall be treated as a mathematical or clerical error for purposes of applying section 6213(g)(2) of such Code to such omission.

## 14 (c) TREATMENT OF CREDIT.—

**15 (1) REFUNDABLE CREDIT.—**

(B) APPROPRIATIONS.—For purposes of section 1324(b)(2) of title 31, United States Code, the credit allowed by subsection (a) shall be treated in the same manner as a refund from the credit allowed under section 36A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

1                         (2) DEFICIENCY RULES.—For purposes of ap-  
2                         plying section 6211(b)(4)(A) of the Internal Revenue  
3                         Code of 1986, the credit allowable by subsection (a)  
4                         shall be treated in the same manner as the credits  
5                         listed in subparagraph (A) of section 6211(b)(4).

6                         (d) REFUNDS DISREGARDED IN THE ADMINISTRA-  
7                         TION OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND FEDERALLY As-  
8                         SISTED PROGRAMS.—Any credit or refund allowed or  
9                         made to any individual by reason of this section shall not  
10                         be taken into account as income and shall not be taken  
11                         into account as resources for the month of receipt and the  
12                         following 2 months, for purposes of determining the eligi-  
13                         bility of such individual or any other individual for benefits  
14                         or assistance, or the amount or extent of benefits or assist-  
15                         ance, under any Federal program or under any State or  
16                         local program financed in whole or in part with Federal  
17                         funds.

18                         **SEC. 4. MODIFICATION OF LIMITATION ON EXCESSIVE RE-**  
19                         **MUNERATION.**

20                         (a) REPEAL OF PERFORMANCE-BASED COMPENSA-  
21                         TION AND COMMISSION EXCEPTIONS FOR LIMITATION ON  
22                         EXCESSIVE REMUNERATION.—

23                         (1) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (4) of section  
24                         162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is  
25                         amended by striking subparagraphs (B) and (C) and

1 by redesignating subparagraphs (D) through (G) as  
2 subparagraphs (B) through (E), respectively.

3 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

4 (A) Section 162(m)(5) of such Code is  
5 amended—

6 (i) by striking “subparagraphs (B),  
7 (C), and (D) thereof” in subparagraph (E)  
8 and inserting “subparagraph (B) thereof”,  
9 and

10 (ii) by striking “subparagraphs (F)  
11 and (G)” in subparagraph (G) and insert-  
12 ing “subparagraphs (D) and (E)”.

13 (B) Section 162(m)(6) of such Code is  
14 amended—

15 (i) by striking “subparagraphs (B),  
16 (C), and (D) thereof” in subparagraph (D)  
17 and inserting “subparagraph (B) thereof”,  
18 and

19 (ii) by striking “subparagraphs (F)  
20 and (G)” in subparagraph (G) and insert-  
21 ing “subparagraphs (D) and (E)”.

22 (b) EXPANSION OF APPLICABLE EMPLOYER.—Para-  
23 graph (2) of section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code  
24 of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

1               “(2) PUBLICLY HELD CORPORATION.—For pur-  
2       poses of this subsection, the term ‘publicly held cor-  
3       poration’ means any corporation which is an issuer  
4       (as defined in section 3 of the Securities Exchange  
5       Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c))—

6               “(A) the securities of which are registered  
7       under section 12 of such Act (15 U.S.C. 78l),  
8       or

9               “(B) that is required to file reports under  
10       section 15(d) of such Act (15 U.S.C. 78o(d)).”.

11       (c) APPLICATION TO ALL CURRENT AND FORMER  
12       OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND EMPLOYEES.—

13               (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 162(m) of the Inter-  
14       nal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by sub-  
15       section (a), is amended—

16               (A) by striking “covered employee” each  
17       place it appears in paragraphs (1) and (4) and  
18       inserting “covered individual”, and

19               (B) by striking “such employee” each  
20       place it appears in subparagraphs (A) and (E)  
21       of paragraph (4) and inserting “such indi-  
22       vidual”.

23               (2) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—Paragraph (3) of  
24       section 162(m) of such Code is amended to read as  
25       follows:

1                 “(3) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—For purposes of  
2                 this subsection, the term ‘covered individual’ means  
3                 any individual who is an officer, director, or em-  
4                 ployee of the taxpayer or a former officer, director,  
5                 or employee of the taxpayer.”.

6                 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

7                     (A) Section 48D(b)(3)(A) of such Code is  
8                 amended by inserting “(as in effect for taxable  
9                 years beginning before January 1, 2015)” after  
10                 “section 162(m)(3)”.

11                   (B) Section 409A(b)(3)(D)(ii) of such  
12                 Code is amended by inserting “(as in effect for  
13                 taxable years beginning before January 1,  
14                 2015)” after “section 162(m)(3)”.

15                 (d) SPECIAL RULE FOR REMUNERATION PAID TO  
16                 BENEFICIARIES, ETC.—Paragraph (4) of section 162(m),  
17                 as amended by subsection (a), is amended by adding at  
18                 the end the following new subparagraph:

19                   “(F) SPECIAL RULE FOR REMUNERATION  
20                 PAID TO BENEFICIARIES, ETC.—Remuneration  
21                 shall not fail to be applicable employee remu-  
22                 neration merely because it is includible in the  
23                 income of, or paid to, a person other than the  
24                 covered individual, including after the death of  
25                 the covered individual.”.

## 1       (e) REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—

2                 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 162(m) of the Inter-  
3                 nal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at  
4                 the end the following new paragraph:

5                 “(7) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may pre-  
6                 scribe such guidance, rules, or regulations, including  
7                 with respect to reporting, as are necessary to carry  
8                 out the purposes of this subsection.”.

9                 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (6)  
10          of section 162(m) of such Code is amended by strik-  
11          ing subparagraph (H).

12         (f) TRANSFER TO SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST  
13 FUND.—For purposes of the amount of any increase in  
14 revenue to the Treasury by reason of the amendments  
15 made by this section, any such amount that is in excess  
16 of the total amount appropriated under section 2(f) of this  
17 Act shall be, at such times and in such manner as deter-  
18 mined appropriate by the Secretary of the Treasury (or  
19 the Secretary's delegate), deposited in the Trust Funds  
20 (as defined in subsection (c) of section 201 of the Social  
21 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401)), with—

22                 (1) 50 percent of such amount to be deposited  
23          in the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance  
24          Trust Fund (as defined in subsection (a) of such  
25          section); and

1                   (2) 50 percent of such amount to be deposited  
2                   in the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund (as  
3                   defined in subsection (b) of such section).

4                   (g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
5   this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
6   December 31, 2015.

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