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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).

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2019

Mr. MOULTON (for himself, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. CASE, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. COHEN, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEAN, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. DELGADO, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. EMMER, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. GALLEG0, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. HECK, Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER, Mr. HOLDING, Ms. NORTON, Mr. HURD of Texas, Mr. KATKO, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KILMER, Mr. KIM, Mr. KIND, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mrs. LURIA, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MEADOWS, Ms. MENG, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PETERSON, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. POCAN, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. RASKIN, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCHRADER, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. SOTO, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. TURNER, Mr. VELA, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WILD, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. ZELDIN, and Mr. PASCRELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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).

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “ALS Disability Insurance Access Act of 2019”.

SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF WAITING PERIOD FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS).

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

(1) in subsection (a)—

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

and

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

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

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