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H. R. 2178

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the waiting periods for disability insurance benefits and Medicare coverage for individuals with metastatic breast cancer, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 9, 2019

Mr. KING of New York (for himself and Ms. CASTOR of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Metastatic Breast Can-
5 cer Access to Care Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF WAITING PERIOD FOR INDIVID-**
2 **UALS WITH METASTATIC BREAST CANCER.**

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

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) in paragraph (1), in the matter fol-
7 lowing subparagraph (E), by striking “or (ii)”
8 and inserting “(ii) in the case of an individual
9 who has been medically determined to have
10 metastatic breast cancer, for each month begin-
11 ning with the first month during all of which
12 the individual is under a disability and in which
13 the individual becomes entitled to such insur-
14 ance benefits, or (iii)”;

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

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

21 **SEC. 3. WAIVER OF 24-MONTH WAITING PERIOD FOR MEDI-**
22 **CARE COVERAGE OF INDIVIDUALS WITH**
23 **METASTATIC BREAST CANCER.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 226(h) of the Social Secu-
25 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 426(h)) is amended by inserting “or

1 metastatic breast cancer” after “amyotrophic lateral scler-
2 rosis (ALS)”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 this section shall apply to benefits for months beginning
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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