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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3812

To extend the supplemental security income program to Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 24, 2012

Mr. PIERLUISI (for himself, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. SERRANO, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) 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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Supplemental Security  
5       Income Equality Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY IN-**  
2 **COME PROGRAM TO PUERTO RICO, THE**  
3 **UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS, GUAM, AND**  
4 **AMERICAN SAMOA.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 303 of the Social Security  
6 Amendments of 1972 (86 Stat. 1484) is amended by strik-  
7 ing subsection (b).

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

9 (1) DEFINITION OF STATE.—Section  
10 1101(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
11 1301(a)(1)) is amended by striking the 5th sentence  
12 and inserting the following: “Such term when used  
13 in title XVI includes Puerto Rico, the United States  
14 Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa.”.

15 (2) ELIMINATION OF LIMIT ON TOTAL PAY-  
16 MENTS TO THE TERRITORIES.—Section 1108 of  
17 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1308) is amended—

18 (A) in the section heading, by striking “;  
19 **LIMITATION ON TOTAL PAYMENTS**”;

20 (B) by striking subsection (a); and

21 (C) in subsection (c), by striking para-  
22 graphs (2) and (4) and redesignating para-  
23 graphs (3) and (5) as paragraphs (2) and (4),  
24 respectively.

1           (3) UNITED STATES NATIONALS TREATED THE  
2 SAME AS CITIZENS.—Section 1614(a)(1)(B) of such  
3 Act (42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)(1)(B)) is amended—

4           (A) in clause (i)(I), by inserting “or na-  
5 tional,” after “citizen”;

6           (B) in clause (i)(II), by adding “; or” at  
7 the end; and

8           (C) in clause (ii), by inserting “or na-  
9 tional” after “citizen”.

10          (4) TERRITORIES INCLUDED IN GEOGRAPHIC  
11 MEANING OF UNITED STATES.—Section 1614(e) of  
12 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1382c(e)) is amended by strik-  
13 ing “and the District of Columbia” and inserting “,  
14 the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United  
15 States Virgin Islands, Guam, and American  
16 Samoa”.

17          (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
18 this section shall take effect on October 1, 2012.

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