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H. R. 3905

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to waive the 2-year duration of divorce requirement, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 15, 2021

Mr. HERN (for himself and Mr. REED) 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 “Social Security Parity
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. WAIVE 2-YEAR DURATION OF DIVORCE REQUIRE-**
7 **MENT.**

8 (a) WIFE’S INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Section
9 202(b)(4)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
10 402(b)(4)(A)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-

1 lowing new sentence: “The criterion for entitlement under
2 clause (ii) shall be deemed met upon the remarriage of
3 the insured individual to someone other than the applicant
4 during the 2-year period referred to in such clause.”.

5 (b) HUSBAND’S INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Section
6 202(c)(4)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 402(c)(4)(A)) is
7 amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:
8 “The criterion for entitlement under clause (ii) shall be
9 deemed met upon the remarriage of the insured individual
10 to someone other than the applicant during the 2-year pe-
11 riod referred to in such clause.”.

12 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
13 this section shall apply with respect to benefits payable
14 for months after December 2022 and for which applica-
15 tions are filed after December 2022.

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