

114TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4110

To require the Comptroller General of the United States to study the feasibility of modifying the 5-month waiting period for certain individuals entitled to disability insurance benefits under section 223 of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 19, 2015

Ms. KELLY of Illinois 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. GAO STUDY ON REDUCING OR ELIMINATING**

4 **WAITING PERIOD FOR CERTAIN DISABILITY**

5 **INSURANCE BENEFICIARIES.**

6 Not later than 6 months after the date of the enact-

7 ment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United

1 States, in collaboration with the Commissioner of Social
2 Security, shall submit to the Committee on Oversight and
3 Government Reform and the Committee on Ways and
4 Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee
5 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the
6 Committee on Finance of the Senate a report containing—

7 (1) an evaluation of the feasibility of modifying
8 the 5-month waiting period for certain individuals
9 entitled to disability insurance benefits under section
10 223 of the Social Security Act—

11 (A) based on the severity of the disability,
12 providing a shorter waiting period for individ-
13 uals with more severe disabilities, as determined
14 by the Commissioner of Social Security;

15 (B) based on income level, providing a
16 shorter waiting period for individuals with lower
17 annual household income, as determined by the
18 Commissioner of Social Security; and

19 (C) by eliminating or shortening the wait-
20 ing period for individuals with a terminal ill-
21 ness, as determined by the Commissioner of So-
22 cial Security; and

23 (2) recommendations for legislative or adminis-
24 trative action regarding implementing such modifica-

- 1 tions to the waiting period, based on the findings of
- 2 the evaluation described in paragraph (1).

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