

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

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

Mr. KING of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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. ELIMINATION OF WAITING PERIOD FOR INDI-**
4 **VIDUALS WITH METASTATIC BREAST CAN-**
5 **CER.**

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

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

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

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

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

17 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF 24-MONTH WAITING PERIOD FOR MEDI-**
18 **CARE COVERAGE OF INDIVIDUALS WITH**
19 **METASTATIC BREAST CANCER.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 226(h) of the Social Secu-
21 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 426(h)) is amended by inserting “or
22 metastatic breast cancer” after “amyotrophic lateral sele-
23 rosis (ALS)”.

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