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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EMERSON 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 “Notch Baby Act of
5 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. NEW GUARANTEED MINIMUM PRIMARY INSURANCE**
2 **AMOUNT WHERE ELIGIBILITY ARISES DUR-**
3 **ING TRANSITIONAL PERIOD.**

4 Section 215(a) of the Social Security Act is amend-
5 ed—

6 (1) in paragraph (4)(B), by inserting “(with or
7 without the application of paragraph (8))” after
8 “would be made”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(8)(A) In the case of an individual described in
11 paragraph (4)(B) (subject to subparagraph (F) of this
12 paragraph), the amount of the individual’s primary insur-
13 ance amount as computed or recomputed under paragraph
14 (1) shall be deemed equal to the sum of—

15 “(i) such amount, and

16 “(ii) the applicable transitional increase amount
17 (if any).

18 “(B) For purposes of subparagraph (A)(ii), the term
19 ‘applicable transitional increase amount’ means, in the
20 case of any individual, the product derived by multiply-
21 ing—

22 “(i) the excess under former law, by

23 “(ii) the applicable percentage in relation to the
24 year in which the individual becomes eligible for old-
25 age insurance benefits, as determined by the follow-
26 ing table:

**“If the individual
becomes eligible for
such benefits in:**

	The applicable percentage is:
1979	60 percent
1980	35 percent
1981	30 percent
1982	25 percent
1983	10 percent.

1 “(C) For purposes of subparagraph (B), the term ‘ex-
2 cess under former law’ means, in the case of any individ-
3 ual, the excess of—

4 “(i) the applicable former law primary insur-
5 ance amount, over

6 “(ii) the amount which would be such individ-
7 ual’s primary insurance amount if computed or re-
8 computed under this section without regard to this
9 paragraph and paragraphs (4), (5), and (6).

10 “(D) For purposes of subparagraph (C)(i), the term
11 ‘applicable former law primary insurance amount’ means,
12 in the case of any individual, the amount which would be
13 such individual’s primary insurance amount if it were—

14 “(i) computed or recomputed (pursuant to
15 paragraph (4)(B)(i)) under section 215(a) as in ef-
16 fect in December 1978, or

17 “(ii) computed or recomputed (pursuant to
18 paragraph (4)(B)(ii)) as provided by subsection (d),
19 (as applicable) and modified as provided by subparagraph
20 (E).

1 “(E) In determining the amount which would be an
2 individual’s primary insurance amount as provided in sub-
3 paragraph (D)—

4 “(i) subsection (b)(4) shall not apply;

5 “(ii) section 215(b) as in effect in December
6 1978 shall apply, except that section 215(b)(2)(C)
7 (as then in effect) shall be deemed to provide that
8 an individual’s ‘computation base years’ may include
9 only calendar years in the period after 1950 (or
10 1936 if applicable) and ending with the calendar
11 year in which such individual attains age 61, plus
12 the 3 calendar years after such period for which the
13 total of such individual’s wages and self-employment
14 income is the largest; and

15 “(iii) subdivision (I) in the last sentence of
16 paragraph (4) shall be applied as though the words
17 ‘without regard to any increases in that table’ in
18 such subdivision read ‘including any increases in
19 that table’.

20 “(F) This paragraph shall apply in the case of any
21 individual only if such application results in a primary in-
22 surance amount for such individual that is greater than
23 it would be if computed or recomputed under paragraph
24 (4)(B) without regard to this paragraph.”.

1 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE AND RELATED RULES.**

2 (a) APPLICABILITY OF AMENDMENTS.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
4 graph (2), the amendments made by this Act shall
5 be effective as though they had been included or re-
6 flected in section 201 of the Social Security Amend-
7 ments of 1977.

8 (2) PROSPECTIVE APPLICABILITY.—No monthly
9 benefit or primary insurance amount under title II
10 of the Social Security Act shall be increased by rea-
11 son of such amendments for any month before Janu-
12 ary 1994.

13 (b) RECOMPUTATION TO REFLECT BENEFIT IN-
14 CREASES.—In any case in which an individual is entitled
15 to monthly insurance benefits under title II of the Social
16 Security Act for December 1987, if such benefits are
17 based on a primary insurance amount computed—

18 (1) under section 215 of such Act as in effect
19 (by reason of the Social Security Amendments of
20 1977) after December 1978, or

21 (2) under section 215 of such Act as in effect
22 prior to January 1979 by reason of subsection
23 (a)(4)(B) of such section (as amended by the Social
24 Security Amendments of 1977),

25 the Secretary of Health and Human Services (notwith-
26 standing section 215(f)(1) of the Social Security Act) shall

- 1 recompute such primary insurance amount so as to take
- 2 into account the amendments made by this Act.

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