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To amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that the waiting period for disability benefits shall not be applicable in the case of a disabled individual suffering from a terminal illness.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LIPINSKI 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. EXCEPTION FROM WAITING PERIOD FOR DIS-**
4 **ABLED INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING FROM TER-**
5 **MINAL ILLNESS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The first sentence of section
7 223(a)(1) of the Social Security Act is amended, in clause

8 (ii) thereof—

1 (1) by inserting “(I)” immediately after “but
2 only if”, and

3 (2) by inserting “or (II) he has a terminal ill-
4 ness (as defined in subsection (e)),” immediately
5 after “the first month in which he is under such dis-
6 ability,”.

7 (b) DEFINITION OF TERMINAL ILLNESS.—Section
8 223 of such Act is further amended by adding at the end
9 thereof the following new subsection:

10 “Definition of Terminal Illness

11 “(e) As used in this section, the term ‘terminal ill-
12 ness’ means, in the case of any individual, a medically de-
13 terminable physical impairment which is expected to result
14 in the death of such individual within the next 12
15 months.”.

16 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

17 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
18 respect to benefits for months ending before, on, or after
19 the date of the enactment of this Act with respect to which
20 a waiting period (as defined in section 223(e)(2) of the
21 Social Security Act) ending after such date would other-
22 wise apply.

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