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To prevent ineligibility for supplemental security income benefits by reason of an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## 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 “Fair Wages for Ameri-  
5 cans with Disabilities Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PREVENTION OF INELIGIBILITY FOR SSI BENEFITS**  
2 **BY REASON OF AN INCREASE IN THE FED-**  
3 **ERAL MINIMUM WAGE.**

4 (a) EARNED INCOME EXCLUSION.—Section 1612(b)  
5 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1382a(b)) is amend-  
6 ed—

7 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
8 (22);

9 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
10 graph (23) and inserting “; and”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(24)(A) if such individual does not have an eli-  
13 gible spouse, the amount (if any) by which the min-  
14 imum wage rate in effect for the month under sec-  
15 tion 6(a)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of  
16 1938 multiplied by the number of hours for which  
17 such individual is gainfully employed during the  
18 month exceeds the total amount of earned income of  
19 such individual excluded by the preceding provisions  
20 of this subsection for the month; or

21 “(B) if such individual has an eligible spouse,  
22 the amount (if any) by which the minimum wage  
23 rate in effect for the month under section 6(a)(1) of  
24 the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 multiplied by  
25 the total number of hours for which such individual  
26 and such spouse are gainfully employed during the

1 month exceeds the total amount of earned income of  
2 such individual and such spouse excluded by the pre-  
3 ceding provisions of this subsection for the month.”.

4 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
5 subsection (a) of this section shall apply to benefits for  
6 months ending on or after the earliest date, after the date  
7 of the enactment of this Act, an increase in the Federal  
8 minimum wage rate under section 6(a)(1) of the Fair  
9 Labor Standards Act of 1938 takes effect.

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