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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide comprehensive pension protection for women.

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Mrs. KENNELLY (for herself, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mrs. MALONEY, Ms. MCKINNEY, Ms. DELAURO, Miss COLLINS of Michigan, Ms. FURSE, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. PELOSI, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. NORTON, and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Economic and Educational Opportunities, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Government Reform and Oversight, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide comprehensive pension protection for women.

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 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Comprehensive Women’s Pension Protection Act of  
6 1996”.

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1       **TITLE I—PENSION REFORM**

2       **SEC. 101. PENSION INTEGRATION RULES.**

3       (a) APPLICABILITY OF NEW INTEGRATION RULES  
4       EXTENDED TO ALL EXISTING ACCRUED BENEFITS.—  
5       Notwithstanding subsection (c)(1) of section 1111 of the  
6       Tax Reform Act of 1986 (relating to effective date of ap-  
7       plication of nondiscrimination rules to integrated plans)  
8       (100 Stat. 2440), effective for plan years beginning after  
9       the date of the enactment of this Act, the amendments  
10      made by subsection (a) of such section 1111 shall also  
11      apply to benefits attributable to plan years beginning on  
12      or before December 31, 1988.

13      (b) INTEGRATION DISALLOWED FOR SIMPLIFIED  
14      EMPLOYEE PENSIONS.—

15           (1) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (D) of section  
16      408(k)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (re-  
17      lating to permitted disparity under rules limiting  
18      discrimination under simplified employee pensions)  
19      is repealed.

20           (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subparagraph  
21      (C) of such section 408(k)(3) is amended by striking  
22      “and except as provided in subparagraph (D),”.

23           (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
24      by this subsection shall apply with respect to taxable  
25      years beginning on or after January 1, 1996.

1 (c) EVENTUAL REPEAL OF INTEGRATION RULES.—  
 2 Effective for plan years beginning on or after January 1,  
 3 2003—

4 (1) subparagraphs (C) and (D) of section  
 5 401(a)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (re-  
 6 lating to pension integration exceptions under non-  
 7 discrimination requirements for qualification) are re-  
 8 pealed, and subparagraph (E) of such section  
 9 401(a)(5) is redesignated as subparagraph (C); and  
 10 (2) subsection (l) of section 401 of such Code  
 11 (relating to nondiscriminatory coordination of de-  
 12 fined contribution plans with OASDI) is repealed.

13 **SEC. 102. APPLICATION OF MINIMUM COVERAGE REQUIRE-**  
 14 **MENTS WITH RESPECT TO SEPARATE LINES**  
 15 **OF BUSINESS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section 410 of  
 17 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to minimum  
 18 coverage requirements) is amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “A trust” and  
 20 inserting “In any case in which the employer with  
 21 respect to a plan is treated, under section 414(r), as  
 22 operating separate lines of business for a plan year,  
 23 a trust”, and by inserting “for such plan year” after  
 24 “requirements”; and

1           (2) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through  
 2           (6) as paragraphs (4) through (7), respectively and  
 3           by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new  
 4           paragraph:

5           “(3) SPECIAL RULE WHERE EMPLOYER OPER-  
 6           ATES SINGLE LINE OF BUSINESS.—In any case in  
 7           which the employer with respect to a plan is not  
 8           treated, under section 414(r), as operating separate  
 9           lines of business for a plan year, a trust shall not  
 10          constitute a qualified trust under section 401(a) un-  
 11          less such trust is designated by the employer as part  
 12          of a plan which benefits all employees of the  
 13          employer.”.

14          (b) LIMITATION ON LINE OF BUSINESS EXCEP-  
 15          TION.—Paragraph (6) of section 410(b) of such Code (as  
 16          redesignated by subsection (a)(2) of this section) is  
 17          amended by inserting “other than paragraph (1)(A)” after  
 18          “this subsection”.

19       **SEC. 103. DIVISION OF PENSION BENEFITS UPON DIVORCE.**

20          (a) AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE  
 21          CODE OF 1986.—

22               (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section  
 23          401 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating  
 24          to requirements for qualification) is amended—

1 (A) by inserting after paragraph (31) the  
2 following new paragraph:

3 “(32) DIVISION OF PENSION BENEFITS UPON  
4 DIVORCE.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a di-  
6 vorce of a participant in a pension plan from a  
7 spouse who is, immediately before the divorce,  
8 a beneficiary under the plan, a trust forming a  
9 part of such plan shall not constitute a quali-  
10 fied trust under this section unless the plan  
11 provides that at least 50 percent of the marital  
12 share of the accrued benefit of the participant  
13 under the plan ceases to be an accrued benefit  
14 of such participant and becomes an accrued  
15 benefit of such divorced spouse, determined and  
16 payable upon the earlier of the retirement of  
17 the participant, the participant’s death, or the  
18 termination of the plan, except to the extent  
19 that a qualified domestic relations order in con-  
20 nection with such divorce provides otherwise.

21 “(B) LIMITATION.—Subparagraph (A)  
22 shall not be construed—

23 “(i) to require a plan to provide any  
24 type or form of benefit, or any option, not  
25 otherwise provided under the plan,

1 “(ii) to require the plan to provide in-  
 2 creased benefits (determined on the basis  
 3 of actuarial value),

4 “(iii) to require the payment of bene-  
 5 fits to the divorced spouse which are re-  
 6 quired to be paid to another individual in  
 7 accordance with this paragraph or pursu-  
 8 ant to a domestic relations order previously  
 9 determined to be a qualified domestic rela-  
 10 tions order, or

11 “(iv) to require payment of benefits to  
 12 the divorced spouse in the form of a quali-  
 13 fied joint and survivor annuity to the di-  
 14 vorced spouse and his or her subsequent  
 15 spouse.

16 “(C) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this  
 17 paragraph—

18 “(i) DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDER;  
 19 QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS  
 20 ORDER.—The terms ‘domestic relations  
 21 order’ and ‘qualified domestic relations  
 22 order’ shall have the meanings provided in  
 23 section 414(p).

24 “(ii) MARITAL SHARE.—The term  
 25 ‘marital share’ means, in connection with

an accrued benefit under a pension plan,  
the product derived by multiplying—

“(I) the actuarial present value  
of the accrued benefit, by

“(II) a fraction, the numerator of  
which is the period of time, during the  
marriage between the spouse and the  
participant in the plan, which con-  
stitutes creditable service by the par-  
ticipant under the plan, and the de-  
nominator of which is the total period  
of time which constitutes creditable  
service by the participant under the  
plan.

“(iii) QUALIFIED JOINT AND SURVI-  
VOR ANNUITY.—The term ‘qualified joint  
and survivor annuity’ has the meaning pro-  
vided in section 417(b).

“(D) REGULATIONS.—In prescribing regu-  
lations under this paragraph, the Secretary  
shall consult with the Secretary of Labor.”; and

(B) in the last sentence, by striking “and  
(20)” and inserting “(20), and (32)”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—



1           (A) Subparagraph (B) of section  
2           401(a)(13) of such Code (relating to special  
3           rules for domestic relations orders) is amended  
4           by inserting “or if such creation, assignment, or  
5           recognition pursuant to such order is necessary  
6           for compliance with the requirements of para-  
7           graph (32)” before the period.

8           (B) Subsection (p) of section 414 of such  
9           Code (defining qualified domestic relations or-  
10          ders) is amended—

11           (i) in paragraph (3)(C), by inserting  
12           “or to a divorced spouse of the participant  
13           in connection with a previously occurring  
14           divorce as required under section  
15           401(a)(32)” before the period; and

16           (ii) in paragraph (7)(C), by striking  
17           “if there had been no order” and inserting  
18           “in accordance with section 401(a)(32) as  
19           if there had been no qualified domestic re-  
20           lations order”.

21          (b) AMENDMENTS TO THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT  
22          INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974.—

23           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 206 of Employee  
24          Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C.

1       1056) is amended by adding at the end the following  
2       new subsection:

3       “(e)(1) In the case of a divorce of a participant in  
4       a pension plan from a spouse who is, immediately before  
5       the divorce, a beneficiary under the plan, the plan shall  
6       provide that at least 50 percent of the marital share of  
7       the accrued benefit of the participant under the plan  
8       ceases to be an accrued benefit of such participant and  
9       becomes an accrued benefit of such divorced spouse, deter-  
10      mined and payable upon the earlier of the retirement of  
11      the participant, the participant’s death, or the termination  
12      of the plan, except to the extent that a qualified domestic  
13      relations order in connection with such divorce provides  
14      otherwise.

15      “(2) Paragraph (1) shall not be construed—

16              “(A) to require a plan to provide any type or  
17              form of benefit, or any option, not otherwise pro-  
18              vided under the plan,

19              “(B) to require the plan to provide increased  
20              benefits (determined on the basis of actuarial value),

21              “(C) to require the payment of benefits to the  
22              divorced spouse which are required to be paid to an-  
23              other individual in accordance with this subsection  
24              or pursuant to a domestic relation order previously

1 determined to be a qualified domestic relations  
2 order, or

3 “(D) to require payment of benefits to the di-  
4 vorced spouse in the form of a joint and survivor an-  
5 nuity to the divorced spouse and his or her subse-  
6 quent spouse.

7 “(3) For purposes of this subsection—

8 “(A) The terms ‘domestic relations order’ and  
9 ‘qualified domestic relations order’ shall have the  
10 meanings provided in subsection (d)(3)(B).

11 “(B) The term ‘marital share’ means, in con-  
12 nection with an accrued benefit under a pension  
13 plan, the product derived by multiplying—

14 “(i) the actuarial present value of the ac-  
15 crued benefit, by

16 “(ii) a fraction—

17 “(I) the numerator of which is the pe-  
18 riod of time, during the marriage between  
19 the spouse and the participant in the plan,  
20 which constitutes creditable service by the  
21 participant under the plan, and

22 “(II) the denominator of which is the  
23 total period of time which constitutes cred-  
24 itable service by the participant under the  
25 plan.

1           “(C) The term ‘qualified joint and survivor an-  
 2           nuity’ shall have the meaning provided in section  
 3           205(d).

4           “(4) In prescribing regulations under this subsection,  
 5           the Secretary shall consult with the Secretary of the  
 6           Treasury.”.

7           (2)     CONFORMING     AMENDMENTS.—Section  
 8           206(d) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 1056(d)) is amend-  
 9           ed—

10                   (A) in the first sentence of paragraph  
 11                   (3)(A), by inserting “or if such creation, assign-  
 12                   ment, or recognition pursuant to such order is  
 13                   necessary for compliance with the requirements  
 14                   of subsection (e)” before the period;

15                   (B) in paragraph (3)(D)(iii), by inserting  
 16                   “or to a divorced spouse of the participant in  
 17                   connection with a previously occurring divorce  
 18                   as required under subsection (e)” before the pe-  
 19                   riod; and

20                   (C) in paragraph (3)(H)(iii), by striking  
 21                   “if there had been no order” and inserting “in  
 22                   accordance with subsection (e) as if there had  
 23                   been no qualified domestic relations order”.

1 **SEC. 104. EFFECTIVE DATES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection  
3 (b), the amendments made by this title, other than section  
4 101, shall apply with respect to plan years beginning on  
5 or after January 1, 1996, and the amendments made by  
6 section 103 shall apply only with respect to divorces be-  
7 coming final in such plan years.

8 (b) SPECIAL RULE FOR COLLECTIVELY BARGAINED  
9 PLANS.—In the case of a plan maintained pursuant to 1  
10 or more collective bargaining agreements between em-  
11 ployee representatives and 1 or more employers ratified  
12 on or before the date of the enactment of this Act, sub-  
13 section (a) shall be applied to benefits pursuant to, and  
14 individuals covered by, any such agreement by substituting  
15 for “January 1, 1996” the date of the commencement of  
16 the first plan year beginning on or after the earlier of—

17 (1) the later of—

18 (A) January 1, 1996, or

19 (B) the date on which the last of such col-  
20 lective bargaining agreements terminates (de-  
21 termined without regard to any extension there-  
22 of after the date of the enactment of this Act),  
23 or

24 (2) January 1, 1999.

25 (c) PLAN AMENDMENTS.—If any amendment made  
26 by this title requires an amendment to any plan, such plan

1 amendment shall not be required to be made before the  
2 first plan year beginning on or after January 1, 1996, if—

3 (1) during the period after such amendment  
4 made by this title takes effect and before such first  
5 plan year, the plan is operated in accordance with  
6 the requirements of such amendment made by this  
7 title, and

8 (2) such plan amendment applies retroactively  
9 to the period after such amendment made by this  
10 title takes effect and such first plan year.

11 A plan shall not be treated as failing to provide definitely  
12 determinable benefits or contributions, or to be operated  
13 in accordance with the provisions of the plan, merely be-  
14 cause it operates in accordance with this subsection.

15 **SEC. 105. CLARIFICATION OF CONTINUED AVAILABILITY OF**  
16 **REMEDIES RELATING TO MATTERS TREATED**  
17 **IN DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDERS ENTERED**  
18 **BEFORE 1985.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—In any case in which—

20 (1) under a prior domestic relations order en-  
21 tered before January 1, 1985, in an action for di-  
22 vorce—

23 (A) the right of a spouse under a pension  
24 plan to an accrued benefit under such plan was  
25 not divided between spouses,

1 (B) any right of a spouse with respect to  
2 such an accrued benefit was waived without the  
3 informed consent of such spouse, or

4 (C) the right of a spouse as a participant  
5 under a pension plan to an accrued benefit  
6 under such plan was divided so that the other  
7 spouse received less than such other spouse's  
8 pro rata share of the accrued benefit under the  
9 plan, or

10 (2) a court of competent jurisdiction determines  
11 that any further action is appropriate with respect  
12 to any matter to which a prior domestic relations  
13 order entered before such date applies,  
14 nothing in the provisions of section 104, 204, or 303 of  
15 the Retirement Equity Act of 1984 (Public Law 98-397)  
16 or the amendments made thereby shall be construed to  
17 require or permit the treatment, for purposes of such pro-  
18 visions, of a domestic relations order, which is entered on  
19 or after the date of the enactment of this Act and which  
20 supercedes, amends the terms of, or otherwise affects such  
21 prior domestic relations order, as other than a qualified  
22 domestic relations order solely because such prior domestic  
23 relations order was entered before January 1, 1985.

24 (b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Terms used in this section  
2           which are defined in section 3 of the Employee Re-  
3           tirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C.  
4           1002) shall have the meanings provided such terms  
5           by such section.

6           (2) PRO RATA SHARE.—The term “pro rata  
7           share” of a spouse means, in connection with an ac-  
8           crued benefit under a pension plan, 50 percent of  
9           the product derived by multiplying—

10                   (A) the actuarial present value of the ac-  
11                   crued benefit, by

12                   (B) a fraction—

13                           (i) the numerator of which is the pe-  
14                           riod of time, during the marriage between  
15                           the spouse and the participant in the plan,  
16                           which constitutes creditable service by the  
17                           participant under the plan, and

18                           (ii) the denominator of which is the  
19                           total period of time which constitutes cred-  
20                           itable service by the participant under the  
21                           plan.

22           (3) PLAN.—All pension plans in which a person  
23           has been a participant shall be treated as one plan  
24           with respect to such person.



1 **SEC. 106. ENTITLEMENT OF DIVORCED SPOUSES TO RAIL-**  
 2 **ROAD RETIREMENT ANNUITIES INDEPEND-**  
 3 **ENT OF ACTUAL ENTITLEMENT OF EM-**  
 4 **PLOYEE.**

5 Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (45  
 6 U.S.C. 231a) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (c)(4)(i), by striking “(A) is  
 8 entitled to an annuity under subsection (a)(1) and  
 9 (B)”;

10 (2) in subsection (e)(5), by striking “or di-  
 11 vorced wife” the second place it appears.

12 **TITLE II—PROTECTION OF**  
 13 **RIGHTS OF FORMER SPOUSES**  
 14 **TO PENSION BENEFITS**  
 15 **UNDER CERTAIN GOVERN-**  
 16 **MENT AND GOVERNMENT-**  
 17 **SPONSORED RETIREMENT**  
 18 **PROGRAMS**

19 **SEC. 201. EXTENSION OF TIER II RAILROAD RETIREMENT**  
 20 **BENEFITS TO SURVIVING FORMER SPOUSES**  
 21 **PURSUANT TO DIVORCE AGREEMENTS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5 of the Railroad Retire-  
 23 ment Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231d) is amended by adding  
 24 at the end the following new subsection:

25 “(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
 26 payment of any portion of an annuity computed under sec-

tion 3(b) to a surviving former spouse in accordance with a court decree of divorce, annulment, or legal separation or the terms of any court-approved property settlement incident to any such court decree shall not be terminated upon the death of the individual who performed the service with respect to which such annuity is so computed unless such termination is otherwise required by the terms of such court decree.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 202. SURVIVOR ANNUITIES FOR WIDOWS, WIDOWERS, AND FORMER SPOUSES OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES WHO DIE BEFORE ATTAINING AGE FOR DEFERRED ANNUITY UNDER CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.**

(a) BENEFITS FOR WIDOW OR WIDOWER.—Section 8341(f) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by—

(A) by inserting “a former employee separated from the service with title to deferred annuity from the Fund dies before having established a valid claim for annuity and is survived by a spouse, or if” before “a Member”; and

1 (B) by inserting “of such former employee  
2 or Member” after “the surviving spouse”;

3 (2) in paragraph (1)—

4 (A) by inserting “former employee or”  
5 before “Member commencing”; and

6 (B) by inserting “former employee or”  
7 before “Member dies”; and

8 (3) in the undesignated sentence following para-  
9 graph (2)—

10 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph

11 (A) by inserting “former employee or” before  
12 “Member”; and

13 (B) in subparagraph (B) by inserting  
14 “former employee or” before “Member”.

15 (b) BENEFITS FOR FORMER SPOUSE.—Section  
16 8341(h) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

17 (1) in paragraph (1) by adding after the first  
18 sentence “Subject to paragraphs (2) through (5) of  
19 this subsection, a former spouse of a former em-  
20 ployee who dies after having separated from the  
21 service with title to a deferred annuity under section  
22 8338(a) but before having established a valid claim  
23 for annuity is entitled to a survivor annuity under  
24 this subsection, if and to the extent expressly pro-  
25 vided for in an election under section 8339(j)(3) of

1       this title, or in the terms of any decree of divorce  
2       or annulment or any court order or court-approved  
3       property settlement agreement incident to such de-  
4       cree.”; and

5               (2) in paragraph (2)—

6                       (A) in subparagraph (A)(ii) by striking “or  
7                       annuitant,” and inserting “annuitant, or former  
8                       employee”; and

9                       (B) in subparagraph (B)(iii) by inserting  
10                      “former employee or” before “Member”.

11       (c) PROTECTION OF SURVIVOR BENEFIT RIGHTS.—

12       Section 8339(j)(3) of title 5, United States Code, is  
13       amended by inserting at the end the following:

14       “The Office shall provide by regulation for the appli-  
15       cation of this subsection to the widow, widower, or surviv-  
16       ing former spouse of a former employee who dies after  
17       having separated from the service with title to a deferred  
18       annuity under section 8338(a) but before having estab-  
19       lished a valid claim for annuity.”.

20       (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
21       this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment  
22       of this Act and shall apply only in the case of a former  
23       employee who dies on or after such date.

1 **SEC. 203. COURT ORDERS RELATING TO FEDERAL RETIRE-**  
2 **MENT BENEFITS FOR FORMER SPOUSES OF**  
3 **FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.**

4 (a) CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 8345(j) of title 5,  
6 United States Code, is amended—

7 (A) by redesignating paragraph (3) as  
8 paragraph (4); and

9 (B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the  
10 following new paragraph:

11 “(3) Payment to a person under a court decree, court  
12 order, property settlement, or similar process referred to  
13 under paragraph (1) shall include payment to a former  
14 spouse of the employee, Member, or annuitant.”.

15 (2) LUMP-SUM BENEFITS.—Section 8342 of  
16 title 5, United States Code, is amended—

17 (A) in subsection (c) by striking “Lump-  
18 sum benefits” and inserting “Subject to sub-  
19 section (j), lump-sum benefits”; and

20 (B) in subsection (j)(1) by striking “the  
21 lump-sum credit under subsection (a) of this  
22 section” and inserting “any lump-sum credit or  
23 lump-sum benefit under this section”.

24 (b) FEDERAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM.—  
25 Section 8467 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-  
2           section (d); and

3           (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the follow-  
4           ing new subsection:

5           “(c) Payment to a person under a court decree, court  
6           order, property settlement, or similar process referred to  
7           under subsection (a) shall include payment to a former  
8           spouse of the employee, Member, or annuitant.”.

9           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
10          this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment  
11          of this Act.

12   **SEC. 204. PREVENTION OF CIRCUMVENTION OF COURT**  
13                   **ORDER BY WAIVER OF RETIRED PAY TO EN-**  
14                   **HANCE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT ANNU-**  
15                   **ITY.**

16          (a) CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY  
17          SYSTEM.—(1) Subsection (c) of section 8332 of title 5,  
18          United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
19          following:

20          “(4) If an employee or Member waives retired pay  
21          that is subject to a court order for which there has been  
22          effective service on the Secretary concerned for purposes  
23          of section 1408 of title 10, the military service on which  
24          the retired pay is based may be credited as service for  
25          purposes of this subchapter only if, in accordance with

1 regulations prescribed by the Director of the Office of Per-  
 2 sonnel Management, the employee or Member authorizes  
 3 the Director to deduct and withhold from the annuity pay-  
 4 able to the employee or Member under this subchapter,  
 5 and to pay to the former spouse covered by the court  
 6 order, the same amount that would have been deducted  
 7 and withheld from the employee's or Member's retired pay  
 8 and paid to that former spouse under such section 1408.”.

9 (2) Paragraph (1) of such subsection is amended by  
 10 striking out “Except as provided in paragraph (2)” and  
 11 inserting “Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (4)”.

12 (b) FEDERAL EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM.—

13 (1) Subsection (c) of section 8411 of title 5, United States  
 14 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

15 “(5) If an employee or Member waives retired pay  
 16 that is subject to a court order for which there has been  
 17 effective service on the Secretary concerned for purposes  
 18 of section 1408 of title 10, the military service on which  
 19 the retired pay is based may be credited as service for  
 20 purposes of this chapter only if, in accordance with regula-  
 21 tions prescribed by the Director of the Office of Personnel  
 22 Management, the employee or Member authorizes the Di-  
 23 rector to deduct and withhold from the annuity payable  
 24 to the employee or Member under this subchapter, and  
 25 to pay to the former spouse covered by the court order,

1 the same amount that would have been deducted and with-  
 2 held from the employee's or Member's retired pay and  
 3 paid to that former spouse under such section 1408.”.

4 (2) Paragraph (1) of such subsection is amended by  
 5 striking out “Except as provided in paragraph (2) or (3)”  
 6 and inserting “Except as provided in paragraphs (2), (3),  
 7 and (5)”.

8 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
 9 subsection (a) shall take effect on January 1, 1997.

## 10 **TITLE III—REFORMS RELATED** 11 **TO 401(K) PLANS**

### 12 **SEC. 301. 401(K) PLANS PROHIBITED FROM INVESTING IN** 13 **COLLECTIBLES.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (4) of section 401(k)  
 15 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to cash  
 16 or deferred arrangements) is amended by adding at the  
 17 end the following new subparagraph:

18 “(D) INVESTMENT IN COLLECTIBLES  
 19 TREATED AS DISTRIBUTIONS.—The rules of  
 20 section 408(m) shall apply to a cash or deferred  
 21 arrangement of any employer.”

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
 23 subsection (a) shall apply to plan years beginning after  
 24 the date of the enactment of this Act.



1 **SEC. 302. REQUIREMENT OF ANNUAL, DETAILED INVEST-**  
2 **MENT REPORTS APPLIED TO CERTAIN 401(K)**  
3 **PLANS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (4) of section 401(k)  
5 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to cash  
6 or deferred arrangements), as amended by section 1, is  
7 amended by adding at the end the following new subpara-  
8 graph:

9 “(E) ANNUAL, DETAILED INVESTMENT RE-  
10 PORTS REQUIRED.—

11 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A cash or deferred  
12 arrangement of any employer with less  
13 than 100 participants shall not be treated  
14 as a qualified cash or deferred arrange-  
15 ment unless the plan of which it is a part  
16 provides to each participant an annual in-  
17 vestment report detailing the name of each  
18 investment acquired during such plan year  
19 and the date and cost of such acquisition,  
20 the name of each investment sold during  
21 such year and the date and net proceeds of  
22 such sale, and the overall rate of return for  
23 all investments for such year.

24 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—Clause (i) shall  
25 not apply with respect to any participant  
26 described in section 404(c) of the Em-

1                    ployee Retirement Income Security Act of  
 2                    1974 (29 U.S.C. 1104(c)).”

3            (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
 4 subsection (a) shall apply to plan years beginning after  
 5 the date of the enactment of this Act.

6 **SEC. 303. 10-PERCENT LIMITATION ON ACQUISITION AND**  
 7 **HOLDING OF EMPLOYER SECURITIES AND**  
 8 **EMPLOYER REAL PROPERTY APPLIED TO**  
 9 **401(K) PLANS.**

10            (a) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (A) of section  
 11 407(d)(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security  
 12 Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1107(d)(3)) is amended by adding  
 13 at the end the following new sentence: “Such term also  
 14 excludes an individual account plan that includes a quali-  
 15 fied cash or deferred arrangement described in section  
 16 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, if such plan,  
 17 together with all other individual account plans main-  
 18 tained by the employer, owns more than 10 percent of the  
 19 assets owned by all pension plans maintained by the em-  
 20 ployer. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the assets  
 21 of such plan subject to participant control (within the  
 22 meaning of section 404(c)) shall not be taken into ac-  
 23 count.”.

24            (b) EFFECTIVE DATE; TRANSITION RULE.—

1           (1) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as provided in  
2           paragraph (2), the amendment made by this section  
3           shall apply to plans on and after the date of the en-  
4           actment of this Act.

5           (2) TRANSITION RULE FOR PLANS HOLDING  
6           EXCESS SECURITIES OR PROPERTY.—In the case of  
7           a plan which on the date of the enactment of this  
8           Act has holdings of employer securities and employer  
9           real property (as defined in section 407(d) of the  
10          Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974  
11          (29 U.S.C. 1107(d)) in excess of the amount speci-  
12          fied in such section 407, the amendment made by  
13          this section shall apply to any acquisition of such se-  
14          curities and property on or after such date of enact-  
15          ment, but shall not apply to the specific holdings  
16          which constitute such excess during the period of  
17          such excess.

18   **TITLE IV—MODIFICATIONS OF**  
19   **JOINT AND SURVIVOR ANNU-**  
20   **ITY REQUIREMENTS**

21   **SEC. 401. MODIFICATIONS OF JOINT AND SURVIVOR ANNU-**  
22   **ITY REQUIREMENTS.**

23          (a) AMENDMENTS TO ERISA.—

24               (1) AMOUNT OF ANNUITY.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of sec-  
2 tion 205(a) of the Employee Retirement Income  
3 Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1055(a)) is  
4 amended by inserting “or, at the election of the  
5 participant, shall be provided in the form of a  
6 qualified joint and two-thirds survivor annuity”  
7 after “survivor annuity,”.

8 (B) DEFINITION.—Subsection (d) of sec-  
9 tion 205 of such Act (29 U.S.C. 1055) is  
10 amended—

11 (i) by redesignating paragraphs (1)  
12 and (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), re-  
13 spectively,

14 (ii) by inserting “(1)” after “(d)”,  
15 and

16 (iii) by adding at the end the follow-  
17 ing new paragraph:

18 “(2) For purposes of this section, the term ‘qualified  
19 joint and two-thirds survivor annuity’ means an annuity—

20 “(A) for the participant while both the partici-  
21 pant and the spouse are alive with a survivor annu-  
22 ity for the life of the surviving individual (either the  
23 participant or the spouse) equal to  $66\frac{2}{3}$  percent of  
24 the amount of the annuity which is payable to the

1 participant while both the participant and the  
 2 spouse are alive,

3 “(B) which is the actuarial equivalent of a sin-  
 4 gle annuity for the life of the participant, and

5 “(C) which, for all other purposes of this Act,  
 6 is treated as a qualified joint and survivor annuity.”.

7 (2) ILLUSTRATION REQUIREMENT.—Clause (i)  
 8 of section 205(c)(3)(A) of such Act (29 U.S.C.  
 9 1055(c)(3)(A)) is amended to read as follows:

10 “(i) the terms and conditions of each qualified  
 11 joint and survivor annuity and qualified joint and  
 12 two-thirds survivor annuity offered, accompanied by  
 13 an illustration of the benefits under each such annu-  
 14 ity for the particular participant and spouse and an  
 15 acknowledgement form to be signed by the partici-  
 16 pant and the spouse that they have read and consid-  
 17 ered the illustration before any form of retirement  
 18 benefit is chosen,”.

19 (b) AMENDMENTS TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.—

20 (1) AMOUNT OF ANNUITY.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—Clause (i) of section  
 22 401(a)(11)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
 23 1986 (relating to requirement of joint and sur-  
 24 vivor annuity and preretirement survivor annu-  
 25 ity) is amended by inserting “or, at the election

1 of the participant, shall be provided in the form  
 2 of a qualified joint and two-thirds survivor an-  
 3 nuity” after “survivor annuity,”.

4 (B) DEFINITION.—Section 417 of such  
 5 Code (relating to definitions and special rules  
 6 for purposes of minimum survivor annuity re-  
 7 quirements) is amended by redesignating sub-  
 8 section (f) as subsection (g) and by inserting  
 9 after subsection (e) the following new sub-  
 10 section:

11 “(f) DEFINITION OF QUALIFIED JOINT AND TWO-  
 12 THIRDS SURVIVOR ANNUITY.—For purposes of this sec-  
 13 tion and section 401(a)(11), the term ‘qualified joint and  
 14 two-thirds survivor annuity’ means an annuity—

15 “(1) for the participant while both the partici-  
 16 pant and the spouse are alive with a survivor annu-  
 17 ity for the life of the surviving individual (either the  
 18 participant or the spouse) equal to  $66\frac{2}{3}$  percent of  
 19 the amount of the annuity which is payable to the  
 20 participant while both the participant and the  
 21 spouse are alive,

22 “(2) which is the actuarial equivalent of a sin-  
 23 gle annuity for the life of the participant, and

24 “(3) which, for all other purposes of this title,  
 25 is treated as a qualified joint and survivor annuity.”.

1           (2) ILLUSTRATION REQUIREMENT.—Clause (i)  
2           of section 417(a)(3)(A) of such Code (relating to ex-  
3           planation of joint and survivor annuity) is amended  
4           to read as follows:

5                     “(i) the terms and conditions of each  
6                     qualified joint and survivor annuity and  
7                     qualified joint and two-thirds survivor an-  
8                     nuity offered, accompanied by an illustra-  
9                     tion of the benefits under each such annu-  
10                    ity for the particular participant and  
11                    spouse and an acknowledgement form to  
12                    be signed by the participant and the  
13                    spouse that they have read and considered  
14                    the illustration before any form of retire-  
15                    ment benefit is chosen,”.

16       (c) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

17           (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by  
18           this section shall apply to plan years beginning after  
19           December 31, 1996.

20           (2) SPECIAL RULE FOR COLLECTIVELY BAR-  
21           GAINED PLANS.—In the case of a plan maintained  
22           pursuant to one or more collective bargaining agree-  
23           ments between employee representatives and one or  
24           more employers ratified on or before the date of the  
25           enactment of this Act, the amendments made by this

1 section shall apply to the first plan year beginning  
2 on or after the earlier of—

3 (A) the later of—

4 (i) January 1, 1997, or

5 (ii) the date on which the last of such  
6 collective bargaining agreements termi-  
7 nates (determined without regard to any  
8 extension thereof after the date of the en-  
9 actment of this Act), or

10 (B) January 1, 1998.

11 (3) PLAN AMENDMENTS.—If any amendment  
12 made by this section requires an amendment to any  
13 plan, such plan amendment shall not be required to  
14 be made before the first plan year beginning on or  
15 after January 1, 1998, if—

16 (A) during the period after such amend-  
17 ment made by this section takes effect and be-  
18 fore such first plan year, the plan is operated  
19 in accordance with the requirements of such  
20 amendment made by this section, and

21 (B) such plan amendment applies retro-  
22 actively to the period after such amendment  
23 made by this section takes effect and such first  
24 plan year.



1 A plan shall not be treated as failing to provide defi-  
 2 nitely determinable benefits or contributions, or to  
 3 be operated in accordance with the provisions of the  
 4 plan, merely because it operates in accordance with  
 5 this paragraph.

6 **TITLE V—SPOUSAL CONSENT**  
 7 **REQUIRED FOR DISTRIBUTU-**  
 8 **TIONS FROM SECTION 401(K)**  
 9 **PLANS**

10 **SEC. 501. SPOUSAL CONSENT REQUIRED FOR DISTRIBUTU-**  
 11 **TIONS FROM SECTION 401(K) PLANS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 401(k)  
 13 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (defining qualified  
 14 cash or deferred arrangement) is amended by striking  
 15 “and” at the end of subparagraph (C), by striking the pe-  
 16 riod at the end of subparagraph (D) and inserting “, and”,  
 17 and by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

18 “(E) which provides that no distribution  
 19 may be made unless—

20 “(i) the spouse of the employee (if  
 21 any) consents in writing (during the 90-  
 22 day period ending on the date of the dis-  
 23 tribution) to such distribution, and

1 “(ii) requirements comparable to the  
2 requirements of section 417(a)(2) are met  
3 with respect to such consent.”

4 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
5 this section shall apply to distributions in plan years be-  
6 ginning after December 31, 1996.

7 **TITLE VI—WOMEN’S PENSION**  
8 **TOLL-FREE PHONE NUMBER**

9 **SEC. 601. WOMEN’S PENSION TOLL-FREE PHONE NUMBER.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor shall con-  
11 tract with an independent organization to create a wom-  
12 en’s pension toll-free telephone number and contact to  
13 serve as—

14 (1) a resource for women on pension questions  
15 and issues;

16 (2) a source for referrals to appropriate agen-  
17 cies; and

18 (3) a source for printed information.

19 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
20 are authorized to be appropriated \$500,000 for each of  
21 the fiscal years 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000 to carry out  
22 subsection (a).

1       **TITLE VII—ANNUAL PENSION**  
2               **BENEFITS STATEMENTS**

3   **SEC. 701. ANNUAL PENSION BENEFITS STATEMENTS.**

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 105 of  
5   Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29  
6   U.S.C. 1025) is amended by striking “shall furnish to any  
7   plan participant or beneficiary who so requests in writ-  
8   ing,” and inserting “shall annually furnish to any plan  
9   participant and shall furnish to any plan beneficiary who  
10   so requests,”.

11       (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (a) of  
12   section 105 of such Act (29 U.S.C. 1025) is amended by  
13   striking “participant or”.

14       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
15   this section shall apply to plan years beginning after De-  
16   cember 31, 1996.

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