

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 821

To amend section 402 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide for an extension of eligibility for supplemental security income through fiscal year 2010 for refugees, asylees, and certain other humanitarian immigrants.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 8, 2007

Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CARDIN, and Mrs. CLINTON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To amend section 402 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide for an extension of eligibility for supplemental security income through fiscal year 2010 for refugees, asylees, and certain other humanitarian immigrants.

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 “SSI Extension for El-
5 derly and Disabled Refugees Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SSI EXTENSION FOR HUMANITARIAN IMMIGRANTS.**

2 Section 402(a)(2) of the Personal Responsibility and
3 Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C.
4 1612(a)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(M) SSI EXTENSION THROUGH FISCAL
7 YEAR 2010.—

8 “(i) IN GENERAL.—With respect to
9 eligibility for benefits for the specified Fed-
10 eral program described in paragraph
11 (3)(A), the 7-year period described in sub-
12 paragraph (A) shall be deemed to be a 9-
13 year period during the period that begins
14 on the date of enactment of the SSI Ex-
15 tension for Elderly and Disabled Refugees
16 Act and ends on September 30, 2010.

17 “(ii) ALIENS WHOSE BENEFITS
18 CEASED IN PRIOR FISCAL YEARS.—

19 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on
20 the date of the enactment of the SSI
21 Extension for Elderly and Disabled
22 Refugees Act, any qualified alien ren-
23 dered ineligible for the specified Fed-
24 eral program described in paragraph
25 (3)(A) during fiscal years prior to the
26 fiscal year in which such Act is en-

1 acted solely by reason of the termi-
2 nation of the 7-year period described
3 in subparagraph (A) shall be eligible
4 for such program for an additional 2-
5 year period in accordance with this
6 subparagraph, if such alien meets all
7 other eligibility factors under title
8 XVI of the Social Security Act.

9 “(II) PAYMENT OF BENEFITS.—
10 Benefits paid under subparagraph (I)
11 shall be paid prospectively over the
12 duration of the qualified alien’s re-
13 newed eligibility.”.

○