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# H. R. 2949

To exclude payments from State eugenics compensation programs from consideration in determining eligibility for, or the amount of, Federal public benefits.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 7, 2015

Mr. MCHENRY (for himself and Mr. BUTTERFIELD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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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 “Treatment of Certain  
5       Payments in Eugenics Compensation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION OF PAYMENTS FROM STATE EUGENICS**  
2 **COMPENSATION PROGRAMS FROM CONSID-**  
3 **ERATION IN DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR,**  
4 **OR THE AMOUNT OF, FEDERAL PUBLIC BENE-**  
5 **FITS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
7 sion of law, payments made under a State eugenics com-  
8 pensation program shall not be considered as income or  
9 resources in determining eligibility for, or the amount of,  
10 any Federal public benefit.

11 (b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

12 (1) FEDERAL PUBLIC BENEFIT.—The term  
13 “Federal public benefit” means—

14 (A) any grant, contract, loan, professional  
15 license, or commercial license provided by an  
16 agency of the United States or by appropriated  
17 funds of the United States; and

18 (B) any retirement, welfare, health, dis-  
19 ability, public or assisted housing, postsec-  
20 ondary education, food assistance, unemploy-  
21 ment benefit, or any other similar benefit for  
22 which payments or assistance are provided to  
23 an individual, household, or family eligibility  
24 unit by an agency of the United States or by  
25 appropriated funds of the United States.

1           (2) STATE EUGENICS COMPENSATION PRO-  
2       GRAM.—The term “State eugenics compensation  
3       program” means a program established by State law  
4       that is intended to compensate individuals who were  
5       sterilized under the authority of the State.

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