

89TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 9359

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 23, 1965

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

A BILL

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide disability (insurance benefits thereunder for any individual who is blind and has at least six quarters of coverage, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That (a) (1) section 223 (a) (1) (B) of the Social Security
4 Act is amended to read as follows:

5 “(B) in the case of any individual other than an
6 individual whose disability is blindness (as defined in
7 subsection (c) (2)), has not attained the age of 65,”.

8 (2) Subsection (a) (1) of section 223 of such Act is
9 amended by striking out “the month in which he attains age

1 65” and inserting in lieu thereof “in the case of any in-
2 dividual other than an individual whose disability is blind-
3 ness (as defined in subsection (c) (2)), the month in which
4 he attains age 65”.

5 (3) That part of paragraph (2) of section 223 (a)
6 of such Act which precedes subparagraph (A) thereof is
7 amended by inserting immediately after “(if a man)” the
8 following: “, and, in the case of any individual whose dis-
9 ability is blindness (as defined in subsection (c) (2)), as
10 though he were a fully insured individual,”.

11 (b) (1) Paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of section
12 223 of such Act is amended—

13 (1) by inserting “(other than an individual whose
14 disability is blindness, as defined in paragraph (2))”
15 after “An individual”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end thereof (after and below
17 subparagraph (B)) the following new sentence:

18 “An individual whose disability is blindness (as defined
19 in paragraph (2)) shall be insured for disability insur-
20 ance benefits in any month if he had not less than six
21 quarters of coverage before the quarter in which such
22 month occurs.”

23 (2) Paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of section 223
24 of such Act is amended by striking out the first sentence

1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "The term 'dis-
2 ability' means (A) inability to engage in any substantial
3 gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable
4 physical or mental impairment which can be expected to
5 result in death or to be of long-continued and indefinite dura-
6 tion, or (B) blindness. The term 'blindness' means central
7 visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with the
8 use of correcting lenses, or visual acuity greater than 20/200
9 if accompanied by a limitation in the fields of vision such
10 that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle
11 no greater than twenty degrees."

12 (c) (1) The first sentence of section 216 (i) (1) of
13 such Act is amended by striking out "(B)" and all that
14 follows, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "(B)
15 blindness (as defined in section 223 (c) (2))."

16 (2) The second sentence of such section 216 (i) (1)
17 is repealed.

18 (d) The first sentence of section 222 (b) (1) of such
19 Act is amended by inserting "(other than such an indi-
20 vidual whose disability is blindness, as defined in section
21 223 (c) (2))" after "an individual entitled to disability
22 insurance benefits".

23 SEC. 2. The amendments made by the first section of this
24 Act shall apply only with respect to monthly benefits under

1 title II of the Social Security Act for months after the
2 month in which this Act is enacted, on the basis of appli-
3 cations for such benefits filed in or after such month.

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