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H. R. 5841

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to require the Commissioner of Social Security to use the Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers for purposes of determining cost-of-living adjustments under titles II, VIII, and XVI of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 28, 2025

Ms. BUDZINSKI (for herself, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, and Mr. MAGAZINER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Workforce, 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

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Boosting Benefits and
3 COLAs for Seniors Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. MORE ACCURATE COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 215(i)(1)(D) of the
7 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(1)(D)) is
8 amended by striking “Consumer Price Index” and
9 all that follows through “such index” and inserting
10 “Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners
11 and Clerical Workers (CPI–W, as published by the
12 Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of
13 Labor) or Consumer Price Index for Elderly Con-
14 sumers (CPI–E, as published by such Bureau)
15 (whichever such index results in the higher percent-
16 age under this subparagraph) exceeds the same such
17 index”.

18 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
19 215(i)(1)(G) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
20 415(i)(1)(G)) is amended by inserting “applicable
21 for purposes of subparagraph (D)” after “Consumer
22 Price Index”.

23 (b) APPLICATION TO PRE-1979 LAW.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 215(i) of the Social
25 Security Act as in effect in December 1978, and as

1 applied in certain cases under the provisions of such
2 Act as in effect after December 1978, is amended—

3 (A) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “Con-
4 sumer Price Index” and all that follows through
5 “such Index” and inserting “Consumer Price
6 Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical
7 Workers (CPI–W, as published by the Bureau
8 of Labor Statistics of the Department of
9 Labor) or Consumer Price Index for Elderly
10 Consumers (CPI–E, as published by such Bu-
11 reau of such Department) (whichever such
12 index results in the higher per centum under
13 this subparagraph) exceeds, by not less than 3
14 per centum, the same such Index”; and

15 (B) in paragraph (2)—

16 (i) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by strik-
17 ing “Consumer Price Index for such cost-
18 of-living computation quarter” and insert-
19 ing “Consumer Price Index applicable for
20 such year under paragraph (1)(B)”; and

21 (ii) in subparagraph (C)(i), by strik-
22 ing “Consumer Price Index as published
23 for any month exceeds by 2.5 percent or
24 more the level of such index” and inserting
25 “Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage

1 Earners and Clerical Workers or Consumer
2 Price Index for Elderly Consumers as pub-
3 lished for any month exceeds by 2.5 per-
4 cent or more the level of such index”.

5 (2) CONFORMING CHANGES.—Section 215(i)(4)
6 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(4)) is
7 amended—

8 (A) by striking “and by section 9001” and
9 inserting “, section 9001”; and

10 (B) by inserting “and section 2 of the
11 Boosting Benefits and COLAs for Seniors Act,”
12 after “1986,”.

13 (c) NO EFFECT ON ADJUSTMENTS UNDER OTHER
14 LAWS.—Section 215(i) of the Social Security Act (42
15 U.S.C. 415(i)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(6) With respect to any provision of law (other than
18 in this title, title VIII, or title XVI) which provides for
19 an adjustment of an amount under such provision of law
20 in the same percentage as a cost-of-living adjustment ap-
21 plied to benefit amounts under this title, such provision
22 of law shall be applied and administered as if the percent-
23 age of such cost-of-living adjustment applied to benefit
24 amounts under this title were determined without regard
25 to the amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) of

1 section 2 of the Boosting Benefits and COLAs for Seniors
2 Act.”.

3 (d) PUBLICATION OF CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR
4 ELDERLY CONSUMERS.—The Bureau of Labor Statistics
5 of the Department of Labor shall prepare and publish an
6 index for each calendar month to be known as the “Con-
7 sumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers” that indicates
8 changes over time in expenditures for consumption which
9 are typical for individuals in the United States who have
10 attained age 62.

11 (e) TRANSITION RULE.—Prior to the publication of
12 the Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers (CPI-
13 E) pursuant to subsection (d), the reference to such index
14 made in each of the amendments made by subsections (a)
15 and (b) shall be deemed to be a reference to the research
16 price index prepared by the Bureau of Labor Statistics
17 of the Department of Labor known as the Consumer Price
18 Index for Americans 62 years of age and older (R-CPI-
19 E).

20 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
21 this section shall apply to determinations made with re-
22 spect to cost-of-living computation quarters (as defined in
23 section 215(i)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
24 415(i)(1)(B))) ending on or after September 30, 2026.

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