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# H. R. 2293

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for full benefits for disabled widows and widowers without regard to age.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 22, 2011

Mrs. LOWEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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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. FULL BENEFITS FOR DISABLED WIDOWS AND**  
4 **WIDOWERS WITHOUT REGARD TO AGE.**

5 (a) ELIGIBILITY FOR WIDOW'S INSURANCE BENE-  
6 FITS.—Section 202(e) of the Social Security Act (42  
7 U.S.C. 402(e)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1)(B)(ii), by striking “has at-  
9 tained age 50 but has not attained age 60 and”;

1           (2) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “after at-  
2           taining age 50 if she was entitled before such mar-  
3           riage occurred” and inserting “after having been en-  
4           titled”; and

5           (3) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “after at-  
6           taining age 50”.

7           (b) **ELIGIBILITY FOR WIDOWER’S INSURANCE BENE-**  
8 **FITS.**—Section 202(f) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 402(f)) is  
9 amended—

10           (1) in paragraph (1)(B)(ii), by striking “has at-  
11           tained age 50 but has not attained age 60 and”;

12           (2) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “after at-  
13           taining age 50 if he was entitled before such mar-  
14           riage occurred” and inserting “after having been en-  
15           titled”; and

16           (3) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “after at-  
17           taining age 50”.

18 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION FROM REDUCTIONS IN BENEFITS.**

19           Section 202(q) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
20 402(q)) is amended—

21           (1) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “age 50”  
22           and inserting “age 60”; and

23           (2) by adding at the end the following new  
24           paragraph:

