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# S. 1618

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. FRANKEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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 “SSI Extension for El-  
5 derly and Disabled Refugees Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF ELIGIBILITY PERIOD FOR SSI BENE-**  
2 **FITS FOR CERTAIN RECIPIENTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 402(a)(2)(M) of the Per-  
4 sonal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation  
5 Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1612(a)(2)(M)) is amended—

6 (1) in clause (i)(I), by striking “fiscal years  
7 2009 through 2011” and inserting “fiscal years  
8 2009 through 2012”; and

9 (2) in clause (ii), by striking “fiscal years 2009  
10 through 2011” and inserting “fiscal years 2009  
11 through 2012”.

12 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
13 402(a)(2)(M) of such Act is amended, in the subpara-  
14 graph heading, by striking “THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2011”.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
16 this section take effect retroactively as if enacted on Octo-  
17 ber 1, 2010.

18 **SEC. 3. DIVERSITY IMMIGRANT VISA PETITION FEE.**

19 (a) REQUIREMENT FOR FEE.—Section 204(a)(1)(I)  
20 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
21 1154(a)(1)(I)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
22 lowing:

23 “(iv) Each petition filed under this subparagraph  
24 shall include a petition fee in the amount of \$25.”.

25 (b) DEPOSIT OF FEE.—All fees collected pursuant to  
26 clause (iv) of section 204(a)(1)(I) of the Immigration and

1 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)(I)), as added by  
2 subsection (a), shall not be available for obligation and  
3 shall be deposited, in their entirety, in the general fund  
4 of the Treasury.

5 (c) SUNSET OF FEES.—The fees collected pursuant  
6 to clause (iv) of section 204(a)(1)(I) of the Immigration  
7 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)(I)), as added  
8 by subsection (a), shall apply only to petitions filed before  
9 October 1, 2013.

10 **SEC. 4. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

11 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of  
12 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,  
13 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement  
14 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this  
15 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record  
16 by the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, pro-  
17 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the  
18 vote on passage.

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