

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5637

To amend the Social Security Act to ensure that each office of the Social Security Administration and each State agency that makes disability determinations are fully staffed with employees to answer calls during business hours, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 20, 2021

Mrs. AXNE (for herself, Mr. RYAN, and Mrs. DEMINGS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Meeting our Seniors’
5 Social Security Needs Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TELEPHONE HOURS AT SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINIS-**
2 **TRATION OFFICES AND CERTAIN STATE OF-**
3 **FICES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 205 of the Social Security
5 Act (42 U.S.C. 405) is amended by adding at the end the
6 following:

7 “(v) TELEPHONE HOURS AT SOCIAL SECURITY AD-
8 MINISTRATION OFFICES.—The Commissioner of Social
9 Security shall ensure that each office of the Social Secu-
10 rity Administration and each State agency that makes dis-
11 ability determinations as described in section 221(a)(1) is
12 fully staffed with employees to answer calls during stand-
13 ard business hours, including 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. local
14 time, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and
15 Fridays, excluding Federal holidays.”.

16 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
17 subsection (a) shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

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