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# H. R. 4197

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 28, 2021

Mr. ESTES 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening Social  
5       Security for Survivors Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. RETROACTIVE APPLICATIONS FOR SURVIVORS.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 202(j)(1) of the Social Se-  
8       curity Act (42 U.S.C. 402(j)(1)) is amended—

9               (1) in subparagraph (A)—

1 (A) by striking “(i) is filing application for  
2 a benefit under subsection (e) or (f), and satis-  
3 fies paragraph (1)(B) of such subsection by  
4 reason of clause (ii) thereof, or (ii)”;

5 (B) by striking “or” at the end;

6 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as sub-  
7 paragraph (C);

8 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-  
9 lowing:

10 “(B) any month succeeding such month in  
11 any case where the individual is filing applica-  
12 tion for a benefit under subsection (d), (e), (f),  
13 (g), or (h) and the entitlement of the individual  
14 to such benefit is established upon the death of  
15 the individual upon whose wages and self-em-  
16 ployment income such entitlement is based, or”;  
17 and

18 (4) in subparagraph (C), as redesignated by  
19 paragraph (2), by striking “subparagraph (A) does  
20 not apply” and inserting “the preceding subpara-  
21 graphs do not apply”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
23 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to applications for

1 monthly insurance benefits filed on or after the date of  
2 enactment of this Act.

