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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. MURRAY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on ____________

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2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Benefits
5 for Elderly Refugees and Refugees with Disabilities Dur-
6 ing COVID-19 Act of 2020”. 
SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF ELIGIBILITY PERIOD FOR SSI BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN RECIPIENTS.


(1) in clause (i)(I), by inserting “and the period beginning on January 31, 2020, and ending on September 30, 2021” after “fiscal years 2009 through 2011,”; and

(2) in clause (ii), by inserting “and the period beginning on January 31, 2020, and ending on September 30, 2021,” after “fiscal years 2009 through 2011”.


(1) in the heading, by inserting “, APPEALED,” after “PENDING”,

(2) by inserting “or on appeal” after “that is pending”, and

(3) by inserting “, appealed,” after “such application is pending”.

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(c) Conforming Amendment.—Section 402(a)(2)(M) of such Act is amended, in the subparagraph heading, by striking “THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2011”.

(d) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on January 31, 2020.

SEC. 3. NATURALIZATION APPLICATION FEE WAIVER.

(a) In General.—Notwithstanding sections 286(m) and 344(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1356(m) and 8 U.S.C. 1455(a)), no fee shall be charged or collected from an applicant described in subsection (b) in conjunction with—

(1) filing an application for naturalization;

(2) conducting a hearing on such application; or

(3) the issuance of a certificate of naturalization upon being granted United States citizenship.

(b) Applicant Described.—An applicant is described in this section if the applicant—

(1) is receiving payments under the supplemental security income program established under title XVI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.); and

(2) is applying, or has applied, to become a naturalized citizen of the United States in accordance with section 334 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1445).