

## HR 4671

Social Security Widow's Benefit Guarantee Act of 2002

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Social Welfare

**Introduced:** May 7, 2002

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.  
(May 17, 2002)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/house-bill/4671>

### Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Matsui, Robert T. [D-CA-5]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-9]	D · MI		May 7, 2002
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Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]	D · CA		May 7, 2002
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Rep. McCarthy, Karen [D-MO-5]	D · MO		May 7, 2002
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Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		May 7, 2002
Rep. McKinney, Cynthia A. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		May 7, 2002
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Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		May 7, 2002
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Rep. Carson, Julia [D-IN-10]	D · IN		May 9, 2002
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		May 9, 2002
Rep. Coyne, William J. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		May 9, 2002
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		May 9, 2002
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		May 9, 2002
Rep. Evans, Lane [D-IL-17]	D · IL		May 9, 2002
Rep. Frost, Martin [D-TX-24]	D · TX		May 9, 2002
Rep. Hall, Tony P. [D-OH-3]	D · OH		May 9, 2002
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		May 9, 2002
Rep. Jefferson, William J. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		May 9, 2002
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		May 9, 2002
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		May 9, 2002
Rep. Mink, Patsy T. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		May 9, 2002
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-27]	D · CA		May 9, 2002
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		May 9, 2002
Rep. Solis, Hilda L. [D-CA-31]	D · CA		May 9, 2002
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		May 9, 2002
Del. Christensen, Donna M. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		May 14, 2002
Del. Faleomavaega, Eni F. H. [D-AS-At Large]	D · AS		May 14, 2002
Rep. Abercrombie, Neil [D-HI-1]	D · HI		May 14, 2002
Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		May 14, 2002
Rep. Baldacci, John Elias [D-ME-2]	D · ME		May 14, 2002

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Rep. Berman, Howard L. [D-CA-26]	D · CA		May 14, 2002
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		May 14, 2002
Rep. Borski, Robert A. [D-PA-3]	D · PA		May 14, 2002
Rep. Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]	D · IA		May 14, 2002
Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		May 14, 2002
Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		May 14, 2002
Rep. Carson, Brad [D-OK-2]	D · OK		May 14, 2002
Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-7]	D · NY		May 14, 2002
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		May 14, 2002
Rep. Delahunt, William D. [D-MA-10]	D · MA		May 14, 2002
Rep. Dicks, Norman D. [D-WA-6]	D · WA		May 14, 2002
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		May 14, 2002
Rep. Etheridge, Bob [D-NC-2]	D · NC		May 14, 2002
Rep. Fattah, Chaka [D-PA-2]	D · PA		May 14, 2002
Rep. Gephardt, Richard A. [D-MO-3]	D · MO		May 14, 2002
Rep. Gordon, Bart [D-TN-6]	D · TN		May 14, 2002
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		May 14, 2002
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23]	D · FL		May 14, 2002
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-15]	D · CA		May 14, 2002
Rep. Hoyer, Steny H. [D-MD-5]	D · MD		May 14, 2002
Rep. Jackson, Jesse L., Jr. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		May 14, 2002
Rep. LaFalce, John J. [D-NY-29]	D · NY		May 14, 2002
Rep. Lampson, Nick [D-TX-9]	D · TX		May 14, 2002
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		May 14, 2002
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		May 14, 2002
Rep. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		May 14, 2002
Rep. Mascara, Frank [D-PA-20]	D · PA		May 14, 2002
Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn [D-NY-4]	D · NY		May 14, 2002
Rep. McIntyre, Mike [D-NC-7]	D · NC		May 14, 2002
Rep. Meek, Carrie P. [D-FL-17]	D · FL		May 14, 2002
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-6]	D · NY		May 14, 2002
Rep. Mollohan, Alan B. [D-WV-1]	D · WV		May 14, 2002
Rep. Oberstar, James L. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		May 14, 2002
Rep. Olver, John W. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		May 14, 2002
Rep. Ortiz, Solomon P. [D-TX-27]	D · TX		May 14, 2002
Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		May 14, 2002
Rep. Pelosi, Nancy [D-CA-8]	D · CA		May 14, 2002
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		May 14, 2002
Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]	D · WV		May 14, 2002
Rep. Reyes, Silvestre [D-TX-16]	D · TX		May 14, 2002
Rep. Rivers, Lynn N. [D-MI-13]	D · MI		May 14, 2002
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-33]	D · CA		May 14, 2002

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Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		May 14, 2002
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Rep. Shows, Ronnie [D-MS-4]	D · MS		May 14, 2002
Rep. Strickland, Ted [D-OH-6]	D · OH		May 14, 2002
Rep. Tierney, John F. [D-MA-6]	D · MA		May 14, 2002
Rep. Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		May 14, 2002
Rep. Weiner, Anthony D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		May 14, 2002
Rep. Wexler, Robert [D-FL-19]	D · FL		May 14, 2002
Rep. Wynn, Albert Russell [D-MD-4]	D · MD		May 14, 2002
Rep. Baca, Joe [D-CA-42]	D · CA		May 23, 2002
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		May 23, 2002
Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		May 23, 2002
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		May 23, 2002
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Sep 4, 2002

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 17, 2002
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 7, 2002

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Social Welfare

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of May 7, 2002)

Social Security Widow's Benefit Guarantee Act of 2002 - Amends title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) (OASDI) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to: (1) provide for an increase in widow's and widower's insurance benefits; (2) repeal the seven year restriction on eligibility for widow's and widower's insurance benefits based on disability; (3) waive the two-year waiting period for a divorced spouse's benefits upon the other spouse's remarriage; and (4) disregard months ending after a deceased individual's death in applying early retirement rules with respect to the deceased individual for purposes of the limitation on widow's and widower's benefits.

Amends SSA title XVI (Supplemental Security Income) (SSI) to provide that an eligible widow or widower who is entitled to a widow's or widower's insurance benefit for any month under OASDI, but is not eligible for benefits under SSI in that month, shall be deemed for purposes of SSA title XIX (Medicaid) to be an individual with respect to whom SSI benefits are paid in that month, if he or she: (1) has been continuously entitled to such widow's or widower's insurance benefits from the first month for which the increase in widow's or widower's insurance benefits resulting from this Act is reflected in such benefits through the month involved; and (2) would be eligible for benefits under SSI in the month involved if the amount of the increase in his or her widow's or widower's insurance benefits were disregarded.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 17, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **May 7, 2002:** Introduced in House
- **May 7, 2002:** Introduced in House
- **May 7, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E736-737)
- **May 7, 2002:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
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