HR 249

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide an exception to the nine-month duration of marriage requirement for widows and widowers in cases in which the marriage was postponed by legal impediments to the marriage caused by State restrictions on divorce from a prior spouse institutionalized due to mental incompetence or similar incapacity.

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 21, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 8, 2003)

Amends title II (Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance) (OASDI) of the Social Security Act with respect to the nine-month minimum duration of a marriage required to qualify a surviving spouse for OASDI benefits. Allows a less than nine-month duration of a marriage in the case of widows or widowers whose marriage was postponed by legal impediments to the marriage caused by State restrictions on divorce from a prior spouse institutionalized due to mental incompetence or similar incapacity.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 21, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.
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