

HR 537

Supplemental Security Income Equality Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 28, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 5376	Related bill	Aug 16, 2022: Became Public Law No: 117-169.
117 S 4486	Related bill	Jun 23, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 HR 157	Related bill	Jan 4, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.

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This bill extends the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program to Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam. This is a federal program designed to help aged, blind, and disabled individuals with limited income and resources meet basic needs. When Congress created the SSI program in 1972, it excluded these territories.

The Social Security Administration may waive or modify statutory requirements relating to the provision of benefits as necessary to adapt the SSI program to each territory.

This bill also eliminates a limit on payments from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program and other Department of Health and Human Services programs to the territories.

Actions Timeline

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