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H. R. 5634

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to require that past-due benefits be paid prior to the payment of social security representative fees, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 16, 2020

Mr. BURCHETT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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. LIMITATION ON PAYMENT OF SOCIAL SECU-**
4 **RITY REPRESENTATIVE FEES.**

5 Section 206 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 406) is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(f) In no case shall any fee required by subsection
8 (a)(4) or (b)(1) to be certified for payment to an attorney

1 (or a nonattorney described in subsection (e)) from a
2 claimant's past-due benefits be paid prior to the payment
3 to such claimant of the full amount of such past-due bene-
4 fits.”.

5 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO EXPEDITE PAST-DUE BENEFIT**
6 **PAYMENTS.**

7 Of any unobligated amounts otherwise available to
8 the Commissioner of Social Security, the Commissioner
9 shall expend not less than \$1,500,000 for the purpose of
10 expediting the payment of past-due benefits.

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