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S. 1198

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to exclude certain medical sources of evidence in making disability determinations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. LANKFORD) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Improving the Integ-
3 rity of Disability Evidence Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN MEDICAL SOURCES OF**
5 **EVIDENCE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 223(d)(5) of the Social
7 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 423(d)(5)) is amended by adding
8 at the end the following:

9 “(C)(i) In making any determination with respect to
10 whether an individual is under a disability or continues

1 to be under a disability, the Commissioner of Social Secu-
2 rity may not consider (except for good cause as determined
3 by the Commissioner) any evidence furnished by—

4 “(I) any individual or entity who has been con-
5 victed of a felony under section 208 or under section
6 1632;

7 “(II) any individual or entity who has been ex-
8 cluded from participation in any Federal health care
9 program under section 1128; or

10 “(III) any person with respect to whom a civil
11 money penalty or assessment has been imposed
12 under section 1129 for the submission of false evi-
13 dence.

14 “(ii) To the extent and at such times as is necessary
15 for the effective implementation of clause (i) of this sub-
16 paragraph—

17 “(I) the Inspector General of the Social Secu-
18 rity Administration shall transmit to the Commis-
19 sioner information relating to persons described in
20 subclause (I) or (III) of clause (i);

21 “(II) the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
22 ices shall transmit to the Commissioner information
23 relating to persons described in subclause (II) of
24 clause (i); and”.

1 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 1 year after the
2 date of the enactment of this Act, the Commissioner of
3 Social Security shall issue regulations to carry out the
4 amendment made by subsection (a).

5 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
6 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to determinations
7 of disability made on or after the earlier of—

8 (1) the effective date of the regulations required
9 to be issued by the Commissioner of Social Security
10 under subsection (b); or

11 (2) the date that is 1 year after the date of the
12 enactment of this Act.

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