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To amend Federal Law as it deals with the Social Security Act.

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In the House of Representatives

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**The Social Security Amendment Act of 2017**

The following changes are made to the current Social Security Act effective January 1, 2018.

- A. An individual who voluntarily declines social security benefits upon reaching retirement age shall be allowed to deduct earned benefit amount each year as a direct credit to earned income when filing federal income taxes.
- B. Upon the death of a spouse the current surviving spouse is entitled to 25% of the deceased spouse's benefit for each four complete years of marriage to that spouse. All former spouses are entitled to benefit in the same manner. All spouses remain entitled to their own social security benefits as earned.
- C. Without exception, each person subject to federal income taxes in the United States must also be a full participant in the social security system.
- D. Without exception, all forms of compensation subject to federal taxation are also subject to the Social Security Act and must be withheld in the same manner. Compensation shall be defined as: any form of payment made to an individual for services rendered as an employee for an employer, or when operating as an independent contractor or self-employed individual. Independent contractors and the self-employed are no longer subject to paying the "Employer" portion of social security taxes.
- E. The cap on earnings subject to social security is removed.
- F. Before anyone may receive Social Security benefits, the individual must present themselves to a social security office or post office to apply for a new social security card. Anyone incapable of physically appearing before one of the aforementioned offices shall receive a visit from a representative of the Social Security Administration who shall help in the completion of the request for a new social security card.
- G. In all cases, documentation shall be required to obtain a new or replacement social security card. Acceptable forms of documentation are:

1. Valid U.S. passport or passport card.
2. U.S. State or local government issued Certificate of Birth.
3. Consular report of birth abroad.
4. Valid I-551, permanent resident card (issued by the Department of Homeland Security/U.S. citizenship and immigration services). Non-expiring I-551 (issued 1977-1989) cards are acceptable
5. U.S. Certificate of Naturalization (federal form N-550)
6. Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (federal form N-560)
7. Unexpired foreign passport with a valid unexpired U.S. visa affixed accompanied by the approved I-94 form documenting the applicants most recent admittance into the U.S.
8. Note: a driver's license is not sufficient documentation.

- H. If an individual cannot meet the requirement(s) set forth in Paragraph G above, all social security benefits are suspended until acceptable documentation is submitted and found to be valid.
- I. Effective January 1, 2018, the withholding rate on earnings shall be 7.00% and may only be changed in the future by a 60% vote of both houses of Congress and the signature of the President.
- J. Effective January 1, 2017, all social security payments to recipients shall be exempt from federal taxation.
- K. All funds collected by the social security administration may only be used for direct payments to participants in the social security system.
- L. All language in all other existing federal laws in conflict with the contents of this bill shall no longer be valid, are null and void and is no longer the law of the land.
- M. Any type of social security payment to social security recipients must be made via direct deposit.

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719 words excluding boilerplate

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