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To amend section 402 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to extend the eligibility period for supplemental security income benefits for refugees, asylees, and certain other humanitarian immigrants, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. FRANKEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''SSI Extension for Elderly and Disabled Refugees Act of 2011''.

SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF ELIGIBILITY PERIOD FOR SSI BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN RECIPIENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 402(a)(2)(M) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1612(a)(2)(M)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i)(I), by striking ''fiscal years 2009 through 2011'' and inserting ''fiscal years 2009 through 2012''; and

(2) in clause (ii), by striking ''fiscal years 2009 through 2011'' and inserting ''fiscal years 2009 through 2012''.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 402(a)(2)(M) of such Act is amended, in the subparagraph heading, by striking ''THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2011''.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section take effect retroactively as if enacted on October 1, 2010.

SEC. 3. DIVERSITY IMMIGRANT VISA PETITION FEE.

(a) REQUIREMENT FOR FEE.—Section 204(a)(1)(I) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)(I)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(iv) Each petition filed under this subparagraph shall include a petition fee in the amount of $25.''.

(b) DEPOSIT OF FEE.—All fees collected pursuant to clause (iv) of section 204(a)(1)(I) of the Immigration and

Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)(I)), as added by subsection (a), shall not be available for obligation and shall be deposited, in their entirety, in the general fund of the Treasury.

(c) SUNSET OF FEES.—The fees collected pursuant to clause (iv) of section 204(a)(1)(I) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)(I)), as added by subsection (a), shall apply only to petitions filed before October 1, 2013.

SEC. 4. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled ''Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation'' for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

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