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To amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for exceptions to the requirement that all Federal payments be made by electronic funds transfer.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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. EXCEPTIONS TO REQUIREMENT FOR PAYMENT**
4 **OF FEDERAL PAYMENTS BY ELECTRONIC**
5 **FUNDS TRANSFER.**

6 (a) ELECTION BY RECIPIENT.—Section 3332(f) of
7 title 31, United States Code (as added by section 31001(x)
8 of Public Law 104–134; 110 Stat. 1321–887), is amend-
9 ed—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “paragraph
 2 (2)” and inserting “paragraphs (2) and (3),”; and
 3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(3)(A) This subsection does not apply to payments
 5 made or authorized under—

6 “(i) title II of the Social Security Act, except
 7 that a recipient of those payments may send written
 8 notification to the Commissioner of Social Security
 9 authorizing such payments to be made by electronic
 10 funds transfer; or

11 “(ii) chapter 11, 13, or 15 of title 38, except
 12 that a recipient of payments under such chapter
 13 may send written notification to the Secretary of
 14 Veterans Affairs authorizing such payments to be
 15 made by electronic funds transfer.

16 “(B) Notification to the Commissioner of Social Se-
 17 curity or the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under subpara-
 18 graph (A) shall contain the information described in para-
 19 graphs (1) and (2) of subsection (g).”.

20 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 3332(j) of
 21 title 31, United States Code (as added by section 31001(x)
 22 of Public Law 104–134; 110 Stat. 1321–890) is amend-
 23 ed—

24 (1) by striking “section—” and inserting “sec-
 25 tion, the following definitions shall apply.”;

1 (2) in paragraph (3)—

2 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)
3 through (C) as clauses (i) through (iii), respec-
4 tively, and indenting accordingly;

5 (B) by striking “payments’ includes—”
6 and inserting the following: “payments’—

7 “(A) includes—”;

8 (C) in subparagraph (A)(iii), as redesign-
9 nated, by striking the period at the end and in-
10 sserting “; and”; and

11 (D) by striking “Such term” and all that
12 follows through “1986.” and inserting the fol-
13 lowing:

14 “(B) does not include—

15 “(i) any payment under the Internal
16 Revenue Code of 1986;

17 “(ii) payments made or authorized
18 under title II of the Social Security Act,
19 except to the extent that a recipient of
20 such payments authorizes such payments
21 to be made by electronic funds transfer, as
22 provided in subsection (f)(3)(A); or

23 “(iii) payments made or authorized
24 under chapter 11, 13, or 15 of title 38, ex-
25 cept to the extent that a recipient of such

1 payments authorizes such payments to be
2 made by electronic funds transfer, as pro-
3 vided in subsection (f)(3)(B).”.

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