# Tax break for seniors: Trump bill includes additional $6,000 deduction

The legislation provides a temporary deduction that will mostly benefit upper-middle class seniors.

President Trump's sweeping domestic policy bill that passed the House on July 3 provides a $6,000 boost to senior citizens' standard deduction from 2025 through 2028.

The new temporary tax break — $6,000 for individuals and $12,000 for couples — is for tax filers age 65 and older. It starts phasing out for those who earn over $75,000 ($150,000 for couples).

"Low-income seniors won't benefit at all, and nor will very high-income seniors," Marc Goldwein, senior policy director for the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a nonpartisan group that advocates for fiscal responsibility, told Yahoo Finance.

"The biggest beneficiaries are upper-middle-class seniors with significant wealth, who have a lot of discretion over how much income to realize in a given year," he said.

To be clear, this provision does not eliminate taxes on Social Security benefits as Trump promised in the campaign. It is a temporary income tax deduction, not a cut in the Social Security tax.

The new deduction could also accelerate Social Security and Medicare insolvency by a year, to 2032, per an analysis from the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.

Some background: Most lower-income seniors don't have enough of a tax liability to claim the new deduction. In 2022, the median income of older adults was $29,740, according to the National Council on Aging.

The majority of taxpayers claim the standard deduction, which is $15,000 (or $30,000 for couples) for 2025. Seniors who are single filers already qualify for an additional deduction of $2,000. (If you're married, filing jointly or separately, it's $1,600 per qualifying individual.)

This newly passed short-term deduction raises that amount by another $6,000.