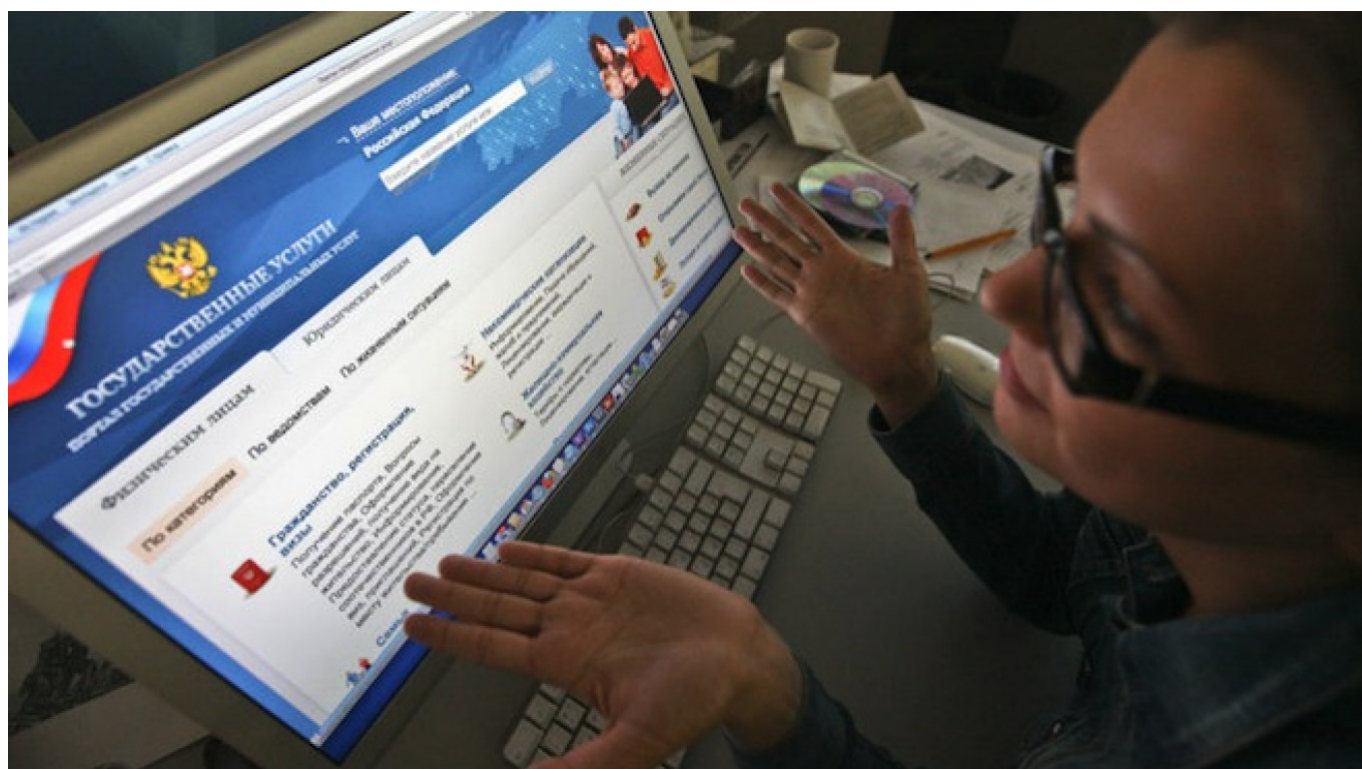


Proposals to Limit Social Benefits for Bankrupt Russians

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The Russian government is considering limiting social benefits for in-debt Russians in a push to make them pay off outstanding loans, the Vedomosti newspaper reported Tuesday.

The move would affect citizens with outstanding fines, taxes, or alimony payments.

“This is a necessary measure,” said a member for the Committee on Constitutional Legislation Vladimir Ponevezhsky. “We have a huge amount of debt, and we need to do something about it.”

The Federal Bailiff Service took part in 70 million enforcement proceedings against 25-30 million people, the service's director Artur Parfenchikov said in an interview with radio station Vesti FM in March 2016.

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