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## AN ACT

To provide for spending reduction.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

**2** This Act may be cited as the “Spending Reduction  
**3** Act of 2012”.

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## **TITLE I—AGRICULTURE**

### **SEC. 101. ARRA SUNSET AT MARCH 1, 2013.**

Section 101(a)(2) of division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–5; 123 Stat. 120) is amended by striking “October 31, 2013” and inserting “February 28, 2013”.

### **SEC. 102. CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY LIMITED TO CASH ASSISTANCE.**

Section 5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014) is amended—

(1) in the 2d sentence of subsection (a) by striking “households in which each member receives benefits” and inserting “households in which each member receives cash assistance”, and

(2) in subsection (j) by striking “or who receives benefits under a State program” and inserting “or who receives cash assistance under a State program”.

### **SEC. 103. STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCES BASED ON THE RECEIPT OF ENERGY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS.**

(a) STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCE.—Section 5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014) is amended—

1           (1) in subsection (e)(6)(C) by striking clause  
2           (iv), and

3           (2) in subsection (k) by striking paragraph (4)  
4           and inserting the following:

5           “(4) THIRD PARTY ENERGY ASSISTANCE PAY-  
6           MENTS.—For purposes of subsection (d)(1), a pay-  
7           ment made under a State law (other than a law re-  
8           ferred to in paragraph (2)(G)) to provide energy as-  
9           sistance to a household shall be considered money  
10          payable directly to the household.”.

11          (b)       CONFORMING        AMENDMENTS.—Section  
12   2605(f)(2) of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance  
13   Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8624(f)(2)) is amended—

14           (1) by striking “and for purposes of deter-  
15          mining any excess shelter expense deduction under  
16          section 5(e) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008  
17          (7 U.S.C. 2014(e))”, and

18           (2) in subparagraph (A) by inserting before the  
19          semicolon the following: “, except that such pay-  
20          ments or allowances shall not be deemed to be ex-  
21          pended for purposes of determining any excess shel-  
22          ter expense deduction under section 5(e)(6) of the  
23          Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.  
24          2014(e)(6))”.

1 **SEC. 104. EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING; WORKFARE.**

2 (a) ADMINISTRATIVE COST-SHARING FOR EMPLOY-  
3 MENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 16 of the Food and  
5 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025) is amend-  
6 ed—

7 (A) in subsection (a) by inserting “(other  
8 than a program carried out under section  
9 6(d)(4) or section 20)” after “supplemental nu-  
10 trition assistance program” the 1st place it ap-  
11 pears, and

12 (B) in subsection (h)—

13 (i) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3),

14 and

15 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (4)

16 and (5) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respec-

17 tively.

18 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

19 (A) Section 17(b)(1)(B)(iv)(III)(hh) of the  
20 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.  
21 2026(b)(1)(B)(iv)(III)(hh)) is amended by  
22 striking “(g), (h)(2), or (h)(3)” and inserting  
23 “or (g)”.

24 (B) Section 22(d)(1)(B)(ii) of the Food  
25 and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.  
26 2031(d)(1)(B)(ii)) is amended is amended by

1           striking “, (g), (h)(2), and (h)(3)” and insert-  
 2           ing “and (g)”.

3           (b) ADMINISTRATIVE COST-SHARING AND REIM-  
 4 BURSEMENTS FOR WORKFARE.—Section 20 of the Food  
 5 and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2029) is amended  
 6 by striking subsection (g).

7   **SEC. 105. END STATE BONUS PROGRAM FOR THE SUPPLE-**  
 8                           **MENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

9           Section 16 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008  
 10 (7 U.S.C. 2025) is amended by striking subsection (d).

11   **SEC. 106. FUNDING OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PRO-**  
 12                           **GRAMS.**

13           For purposes of fiscal year 2013, the reference to  
 14 \$90,000,000 in section 16(h)(1)(A) of the Food and Nu-  
 15 trition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025(h)(1)(A)) shall be  
 16 deemed to be a reference to \$79,000,000.

17   **SEC. 107. TURN OFF INDEXING FOR NUTRITION EDU-**  
 18                           **CATION AND OBESITY PREVENTION.**

19           Section 28(d) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008  
 20 (7 U.S.C. 2037(d)) is amended by striking “years—” and  
 21 all that follows through the period at the end, and insert-  
 22 ing “years, \$375,000,000.”.

1 **SEC. 108. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF FOOD AND**  
 2 **NUTRITION ACT OF 2008.**

3 Section 18(a)(1) of the Food and Nutrition Act of  
 4 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2027(a)(1)) is amended by striking  
 5 “2012” and inserting “2013”.

6 **SEC. 109. EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION OF AMEND-**  
 7 **MENTS.**

8 This title and the amendments made by this title  
 9 shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act, and  
 10 shall apply only with respect to certification periods that  
 11 begin on or after such date.

12 **TITLE II—COMMITTEE ON**  
 13 **ENERGY AND COMMERCE**  
 14 **Subtitle A—Repeal of Certain ACA**  
 15 **Funding Provisions**

16 **SEC. 201. REPEALING MANDATORY FUNDING TO STATES TO**  
 17 **ESTABLISH AMERICAN HEALTH BENEFIT EX-**  
 18 **CHANGES.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1311(a) of the Patient  
 20 Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18031(a))  
 21 is repealed.

22 (b) RESCISSION OF UNOBLIGATED FUNDS.—Of the  
 23 funds made available under such section 1311(a), the un-  
 24 obligated balance is rescinded.



1 **SEC. 202. REPEALING PREVENTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH**  
 2 **FUND.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4002 of the Patient Pro-  
 4 tection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 300u–11) is  
 5 repealed.

6 (b) RESCISSION OF UNOBLIGATED FUNDS.—Of the  
 7 funds made available by such section 4002, the unobli-  
 8 gated balance is rescinded.

9 **SEC. 203. RESCINDING UNOBLIGATED BALANCES FOR CO-**  
 10 **OP PROGRAM.**

11 Of the funds made available under section 1322(g)  
 12 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42  
 13 U.S.C. 18042(g)), the unobligated balance is rescinded.

14 **Subtitle B—Medicaid**

15 **SEC. 211. REVISION OF PROVIDER TAX INDIRECT GUAR-**  
 16 **ANTEE THRESHOLD.**

17 Section 1903(w)(4)(C)(ii) of the Social Security Act  
 18 (42 U.S.C. 1396b(w)(4)(C)(ii)) is amended by inserting  
 19 “and for portions of fiscal years beginning on or after  
 20 June 1, 2013,” after “October 1, 2011,”.

21 **SEC. 212. REBASING OF STATE DSH ALLOTMENTS FOR FIS-**  
 22 **CAL YEAR 2022.**

23 Section 1923(f) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
 24 1396r–4(f)) is amended—

25 (1) by redesignating paragraph (9) as para-  
 26 graph (10);

1           (2) in paragraph (3)(A) by striking “para-  
 2           graphs (6), (7), and (8)” and inserting “paragraphs  
 3           (6), (7), (8), and (9)”; and

4           (3) by inserting after paragraph (8) the fol-  
 5           lowing new paragraph:

6           “(9) REBASING OF STATE DSH ALLOTMENTS  
 7           FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.—With respect to fiscal  
 8           2022, for purposes of applying paragraph (3)(A) to  
 9           determine the DSH allotment for a State, the  
 10          amount of the DSH allotment for the State under  
 11          paragraph (3) for fiscal year 2021 shall be treated  
 12          as if it were such amount as reduced under para-  
 13          graph (7).”.

14 **SEC. 213. REPEAL OF MEDICAID AND CHIP MAINTENANCE**  
 15 **OF EFFORT REQUIREMENTS UNDER PPACA.**

16          (a) REPEAL OF PPACA MEDICAID MOE.—Section  
 17          1902 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a) is  
 18          amended by striking subsection (gg).

19          (b) REPEAL OF PPACA CHIP MOE.—Section  
 20          2105(d)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
 21          1397ee(d)(3)) is amended—

22               (1) by striking subparagraph (A);

23               (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (B) and  
 24               (C) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively; and

1           (3) in the paragraph heading, by striking  
2           “CONTINUATION OF ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS FOR  
3           CHILDREN UNTIL OCTOBER 1, 2019” and inserting  
4           “CONTINUITY OF COVERAGE”.

5           (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

6           (1) Section 1902(a) of the Social Security Act  
7           (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)) is amended by striking para-  
8           graph (74).

9           (2) Effective January 1, 2014, paragraph (14)  
10          of section 1902(e) (as added by section 2002(a) of  
11          Public Law 111–148) is amended by striking the  
12          third sentence of subparagraph (A).

13          (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as provided in sub-  
14          section (c)(2), the amendments made by this section shall  
15          take effect on the date of the enactment of this section.

16       **SEC. 214. MEDICAID PAYMENTS TO TERRITORIES.**

17          (a) LIMIT ON PAYMENTS.—Section 1108(g) of the  
18          Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1308(g)) is amended—

19               (1) in paragraph (2)—

20                       (A) by striking “paragraphs (3) and (5)”;

21                       and

22                       (B) by inserting “paragraph (3)” after

23                       “and subject to”;

1           (2) in paragraph (4), by striking “(3), and”  
2           and all that follows through “of this subsection” and  
3           inserting “and (3) of this subsection”; and  
4           (3) by striking paragraph (5).

5           (b) FMAP.—The first sentence of section 1905(b) of  
6           the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(b)) is amended  
7           by striking “shall be 55 percent” and inserting “shall be  
8           50 percent”.

9           **SEC. 215. REPEALING BONUS PAYMENTS FOR ENROLL-**  
10           **MENT UNDER MEDICAID AND CHIP.**

11           (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraphs (3) and (4) of section  
12           2105(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397ee(a))  
13           are repealed.

14           (b) RESCISSION OF UNOBLIGATED FUNDS.—Of the  
15           funds made available by section 2105(a)(3) of the Social  
16           Security Act, the unobligated balance is rescinded.

17           (c) CONFORMING CHANGES.—

18           (1) AVAILABILITY OF EXCESS FUNDS FOR PER-  
19           FORMANCE BONUSES.—Section 2104(n)(2) of the  
20           Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397dd(n)(2)) is  
21           amended by striking subparagraph (D).

22           (2) OUTREACH OR COVERAGE BENCHMARKS.—  
23           Section 2111(b)(3) of the Social Security Act (42  
24           U.S.C. 1397kk(b)(3)) is amended—

25           (A) in subparagraph (A)—

- 1 (i) in clause (i), by inserting “or”  
 2 after the semicolon at the end; and  
 3 (ii) by striking clause (ii); and  
 4 (B) by striking subparagraph (C).

## 5 **TITLE III—FINANCIAL SERVICES**

### 6 **SEC. 301. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

7 The table of contents for this title is as follows:

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#### Subtitle D—Repeal of the Office of Financial Research

Sec. 341. Repeal of the Office of Financial Research.

## 8 **Subtitle A—Orderly Liquidation** 9 **Fund**

### 10 **SEC. 311. REPEAL OF LIQUIDATION AUTHORITY.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall  
 12 Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act is hereby re-  
 13 pealed and any Federal law amended by such title shall,  
 14 on and after the date of enactment of this Act, be effective  
 15 as if title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and  
 16 Consumer Protection Act had not been enacted.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

2 (1) DODD-FRANK WALL STREET REFORM AND  
3 CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT.—The Dodd-Frank  
4 Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act is  
5 amended—

6 (A) in the table of contents for such Act,  
7 by striking all items relating to title II;

8 (B) in section 165(d)(6), by striking “, a  
9 receiver appointed under title II,”;

10 (C) in section 716(g), by striking “or a  
11 covered financial company under title II”;

12 (D) in section 1105(e)(5), by striking  
13 “amount of any securities issued under that  
14 chapter 31 for such purpose shall be treated in  
15 the same manner as securities issued under sec-  
16 tion 208(n)(5)(E)” and inserting “issuances of  
17 such securities under that chapter 31 for such  
18 purpose shall by treated as public debt trans-  
19 actions of the United States, and the proceeds  
20 from the sale of any obligations acquired by the  
21 Secretary under this paragraph shall be depos-  
22 ited into the Treasury of the United States as  
23 miscellaneous receipts”; and

24 (E) in section 1106(c)(2), by amending  
25 subparagraph (A) to read as follows:

1           “(A) require the company to file a petition  
2           for bankruptcy under section 301 of title 11,  
3           United States Code; or”.

4           (2) FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT.—Sec-  
5           tion 10(b)(3) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act  
6           (12 U.S.C. 1820(b)(3)) is amended by striking “, or  
7           of such nonbank financial company supervised by  
8           the Board of Governors or bank holding company  
9           described in section 165(a) of the Financial Stability  
10          Act of 2010, for the purpose of implementing its au-  
11          thority to provide for orderly liquidation of any such  
12          company under title II of that Act”.

13          (3) FEDERAL RESERVE ACT.—Section 13(3) of  
14          the Federal Reserve Act is amended—

15                 (A) in subparagraph (B)—

16                         (i) in clause (ii), by striking “, resolu-  
17                         tion under title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall  
18                         Street Reform and Consumer Protection  
19                         Act, or” and inserting “or is subject to  
20                         resolution under”; and

21                         (ii) in clause (iii), by striking “, reso-  
22                         lution under title II of the Dodd-Frank  
23                         Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protec-  
24                         tion Act, or” and inserting “or resolution  
25                         under”; and

1 (B) by striking subparagraph (E).

2 **Subtitle B—Home Affordable**  
3 **Modification Program**

4 **SEC. 321. SHORT TITLE.**

5 This subtitle may be cited as the “HAMP Termini-  
6 nation Act of 2012”.

7 **SEC. 322. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.**

8 The Congress finds the following:

9 (1) According to the Department of the Treas-  
10 ury—

11 (A) the Home Affordable Modification Pro-  
12 gram (HAMP) is designed to “help as many as  
13 3 to 4 million financially struggling homeowners  
14 avoid foreclosure by modifying loans to a level  
15 that is affordable for borrowers now and sus-  
16 tainable over the long term”; and

17 (B) as of October 2012, only 840,835 ac-  
18 tive permanent mortgage modifications were  
19 made under HAMP.

20 (2) Many homeowners whose HAMP modifica-  
21 tions were canceled suffered because they made fu-  
22 tile payments and some of those homeowners were  
23 even forced into foreclosure.

24 (3) The Special Inspector General for TARP  
25 reported that HAMP “benefits only a small portion



1 of distressed homeowners, offers others little more  
2 than false hope, and in certain cases causes more  
3 harm than good”.

4 (4) Approximately \$30 billion was obligated by  
5 the Department of the Treasury to HAMP, however,  
6 approximately only \$4.34 billion has been disbursed.

7 (5) Terminating HAMP would save American  
8 taxpayers approximately \$2.84 billion, according to  
9 the Congressional Budget Office.

10 **SEC. 323. TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.**

11 Section 120 of the Emergency Economic Stabilization  
12 Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5230) is amended by adding at  
13 the end the following new subsection:

14 “(c) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE  
15 NEW ASSISTANCE UNDER THE HOME AFFORDABLE  
16 MODIFICATION PROGRAM.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under  
18 paragraph (2), after the date of the enactment of  
19 this subsection the Secretary may not provide any  
20 assistance under the Home Affordable Modification  
21 Program under the Making Home Affordable initia-  
22 tive of the Secretary, authorized under this Act, on  
23 behalf of any homeowner.

24 “(2) PROTECTION OF EXISTING OBLIGATIONS  
25 ON BEHALF OF HOMEOWNERS ALREADY EXTENDED

1 AN OFFER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.—  
2 Paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect to assist-  
3 ance provided on behalf of a homeowner who, before  
4 the date of the enactment of this subsection, was ex-  
5 tended an offer to participate in the Home Afford-  
6 able Modification Program on a trial or permanent  
7 basis.

8 “(3) DEFICIT REDUCTION.—

9 “(A) USE OF UNOBLIGATED FUNDS.—Not-  
10 withstanding any other provision of this title,  
11 the amounts described in subparagraph (B)  
12 shall not be available after the date of the en-  
13 actment of this subsection for obligation or ex-  
14 penditure under the Home Affordable Modifica-  
15 tion Program of the Secretary, but should be  
16 covered into the General Fund of the Treasury  
17 and should be used only for reducing the budg-  
18 et deficit of the Federal Government.

19 “(B) IDENTIFICATION OF UNOBLIGATED  
20 FUNDS.—The amounts described in this sub-  
21 paragraph are any amounts made available  
22 under title I of the Emergency Economic Sta-  
23 bilization Act of 2008 that—

24 “(i) have been allocated for use, but  
25 not yet obligated as of the date of the en-

1           actment of this subsection, under the  
2           Home Affordable Modification Program of  
3           the Secretary; and

4           “(ii) are not necessary for providing  
5           assistance under such Program on behalf  
6           of homeowners who, pursuant to para-  
7           graph (2), may be provided assistance  
8           after the date of the enactment of this sub-  
9           section.

10          “(4) STUDY OF USE OF PROGRAM BY MEMBERS  
11          OF THE ARMED FORCES, VETERANS, AND GOLD  
12          STAR RECIPIENTS.—

13               “(A) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct  
14               a study to determine the extent of usage of the  
15               Home Affordable Modification Program by, and  
16               the impact of such Program on, covered home-  
17               owners.

18               “(B) REPORT.—Not later than the expira-  
19               tion of the 90-day period beginning on the date  
20               of the enactment of this subsection, the Sec-  
21               retary shall submit to the Congress a report  
22               setting forth the results of the study under sub-  
23               paragraph (A) and identifying best practices,  
24               derived from studying the Home Affordable  
25               Modification Program, that could be applied to

1 existing mortgage assistance programs available  
2 to covered homeowners.

3 “(C) COVERED HOMEOWNER.—For pur-  
4 poses of this subsection, the term ‘covered  
5 homeowner’ means a homeowner who is—

6 “(i) a member of the Armed Forces of  
7 the United States on active duty or the  
8 spouse or parent of such a member;

9 “(ii) a veteran, as such term is de-  
10 fined in section 101 of title 38, United  
11 States Code; or

12 “(iii) eligible to receive a Gold Star  
13 lapel pin under section 1126 of title 10,  
14 United States Code, as a widow, parent, or  
15 next of kin of a member of the Armed  
16 Forces person who died in a manner de-  
17 scribed in subsection (a) of such section.

18 “(5) PUBLICATION OF MEMBER AVAILABILITY  
19 FOR ASSISTANCE.—Not later than 5 days after the  
20 date of the enactment of this subsection, the Sec-  
21 retary of the Treasury shall publish to its Website  
22 on the World Wide Web in a prominent location,  
23 large point font, and boldface type the following  
24 statement: ‘The Home Affordable Modification Pro-  
25 gram (HAMP) has been terminated. If you are hav-

1       ing trouble paying your mortgage and need help con-  
2       tacting your lender or servicer for purposes of nego-  
3       tiating or acquiring a loan modification, please con-  
4       tact your Member of Congress to assist you in con-  
5       tacting your lender or servicer for the purpose of ne-  
6       gotiating or acquiring a loan modification.’.

7               “(6) NOTIFICATION TO HAMP APPLICANTS RE-  
8       QUIRED.—Not later than 30 days after the date of  
9       the enactment of this subsection, the Secretary of  
10      the Treasury shall inform each individual who ap-  
11      plied for the Home Affordable Modification Program  
12      and will not be considered for a modification under  
13      such Program due to termination of such Program  
14      under this subsection—

15              “(A) that such Program has been termi-  
16              nated;

17              “(B) that loan modifications under such  
18              Program are no longer available;

19              “(C) of the name and contact information  
20              of such individual’s Member of Congress; and

21              “(D) that the individual should contact his  
22              or her Member of Congress to assist the indi-  
23              vidual in contacting the individual’s lender or  
24              servicer for the purpose of negotiating or ac-  
25              quiring a loan modification.”.

1 **SEC. 324. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2       The Congress encourages banks to work with home-  
3 owners to provide loan modifications to those that are eli-  
4 gible. The Congress also encourages banks to work and  
5 assist homeowners and prospective homeowners with fore-  
6 closure prevention programs and information on loan  
7 modifications.

8       **Subtitle C—Bureau of Consumer**  
9               **Financial Protection**

10 **SEC. 331. BRINGING THE BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINAN-**  
11               **CIAL PROTECTION INTO THE REGULAR AP-**  
12               **PROPRIATIONS PROCESS.**

13       Section 1017 of the Consumer Financial Protection  
14 Act of 2010 is amended—

15               (1) in subsection (a)—

16                       (A) by amending the heading of such sub-  
17 section to read as follows: “BUDGET, FINAN-  
18 CIAL MANAGEMENT, AND AUDIT.—”;

19                       (B) by striking paragraphs (1), (2), and  
20 (3);

21                       (C) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and  
22 (5) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively; and

23                       (D) by striking subparagraphs (E) and (F)  
24 of paragraph (1), as so redesignated;

25                       (2) by striking subsections (b), (c), and (d);

1           (3) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-  
2       section (b); and

3           (4) in subsection (b), as so redesignated—

4           (A) by striking paragraphs (1), (2), and  
5       (3) and inserting the following:

6           “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

7       There is authorized to be appropriated  
8       \$200,000,000 to carry out this title for each of fiscal  
9       years 2013 and 2014.”; and

10          (B) by redesignating paragraph (4) as  
11       paragraph (2).

## 12       **Subtitle D—Repeal of the Office of** 13       **Financial Research**

### 14       **SEC. 341. REPEAL OF THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL RE-** 15       **SEARCH.**

16       (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of title I of the Dodd-  
17       Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act  
18       is hereby repealed.

19       (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO THE DODD-  
20       FRANK ACT.—The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and  
21       Consumer Protection Act is amended—

22           (1) in section 102(a), by striking paragraph  
23       (5);

24           (2) in section 111—

25           (A) in subsection (b)(2)—

1 (i) by striking subparagraph (A); and

2 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs

3 (B), (C), (D), and (E) as subparagraphs

4 (A), (B), (C), and (D), respectively;

5 (B) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “sub-

6 paragraphs (C), (D), and (E)” and inserting

7 “subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D)”;

8 (3) in section 112—

9 (A) in subsection (a)(2)—

10 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking

11 “direct the Office of Financial Research

12 to”;

13 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B); and

14 (iii) by redesignating subparagraphs

15 (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), (H), (I), (J), (K),

16 (L), (M), and (N) as subparagraphs (B),

17 (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), (H), (I), (J), (K),

18 (L), and (M), respectively; and

19 (B) in subsection (d)—

20 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “the

21 Office of Financial Research, member

22 agencies, and” and inserting “member

23 agencies and”;

24 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “the

25 Office of Financial Research, any member



1                   agency, and” and inserting “any member  
2                   agency and”;

3                   (iii) in paragraph (3)—

4                               (I) by striking “, acting through  
5                               the Office of Financial Research,”  
6                               each place it appears; and

7                               (II) in subparagraph (B), by  
8                               striking “the Office of Financial Re-  
9                               search or”; and

10                              (iv) in paragraph (5)(A), by striking  
11                              “, the Office of Financial Research,”;

12                              (4) in section 116, by striking “, acting through  
13                              the Office of Financial Research,” each place it ap-  
14                              pears; and

15                              (5) by striking section 118.

16                   (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO THE PAPERWORK  
17 REDUCTION ACT.—Effective as of the date specified in  
18 section 1100H of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and  
19 Consumer Protection Act, section 1100D(a) of such Act  
20 is amended to read as follows:

21                   “(a) DESIGNATION AS AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY.—  
22 Section 3502(5) of subchapter I of chapter 35 of title 44,  
23 United States Code (commonly known as the Paperwork  
24 Reduction Act) is amended by inserting ‘the Bureau of

1 Consumer Financial Protection,’ after ‘the Securities and  
2 Exchange Commission,’.”.

3 (d) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of con-  
4 tents for the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Con-  
5 sumer Protection Act is amended—

6 (1) by striking the item relating to section 118;

7 and

8 (2) by striking the items relating to subtitle B  
9 of title I.

## 10 **TITLE IV—COMMITTEE ON THE** 11 **JUDICIARY**

### 12 **SEC. 401. SHORT TITLE.**

13 This title may be cited as the “Help Efficient, Acces-  
14 sible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of  
15 2012”.

### 16 **SEC. 402. ENCOURAGING SPEEDY RESOLUTION OF CLAIMS.**

17 The time for the commencement of a health care law-  
18 suit shall be 3 years after the date of manifestation of  
19 injury or 1 year after the claimant discovers, or through  
20 the use of reasonable diligence should have discovered, the  
21 injury, whichever occurs first. In no event shall the time  
22 for commencement of a health care lawsuit exceed 3 years  
23 after the date of manifestation of injury unless tolled for  
24 any of the following—

25 (1) upon proof of fraud;

1           (2) intentional concealment; or

2           (3) the presence of a foreign body, which has no  
3       therapeutic or diagnostic purpose or effect, in the  
4       person of the injured person.

5   Actions by a minor shall be commenced within 3 years  
6   from the date of the alleged manifestation of injury except  
7   that actions by a minor under the full age of 6 years shall  
8   be commenced within 3 years of manifestation of injury  
9   or prior to the minor's 8th birthday, whichever provides  
10   a longer period. Such time limitation shall be tolled for  
11   minors for any period during which a parent or guardian  
12   and a health care provider or health care organization  
13   have committed fraud or collusion in the failure to bring  
14   an action on behalf of the injured minor.

15   **SEC. 403. COMPENSATING PATIENT INJURY.**

16       (a) UNLIMITED AMOUNT OF DAMAGES FOR ACTUAL  
17   ECONOMIC LOSSES IN HEALTH CARE LAWSUITS.—In any  
18   health care lawsuit, nothing in this title shall limit a claim-  
19   ant's recovery of the full amount of the available economic  
20   damages, notwithstanding the limitation in subsection (b).

21       (b) ADDITIONAL NONECONOMIC DAMAGES.—In any  
22   health care lawsuit, the amount of noneconomic damages,  
23   if available, may be as much as \$250,000, regardless of  
24   the number of parties against whom the action is brought

1 or the number of separate claims or actions brought with  
2 respect to the same injury.

3 (c) NO DISCOUNT OF AWARD FOR NONECONOMIC  
4 DAMAGES.—For purposes of applying the limitation in  
5 subsection (b), future noneconomic damages shall not be  
6 discounted to present value. The jury shall not be in-  
7 formed about the maximum award for noneconomic dam-  
8 ages. An award for noneconomic damages in excess of  
9 \$250,000 shall be reduced either before the entry of judg-  
10 ment, or by amendment of the judgment after entry of  
11 judgment, and such reduction shall be made before ac-  
12 counting for any other reduction in damages required by  
13 law. If separate awards are rendered for past and future  
14 noneconomic damages and the combined awards exceed  
15 \$250,000, the future noneconomic damages shall be re-  
16 duced first.

17 (d) FAIR SHARE RULE.—In any health care lawsuit,  
18 each party shall be liable for that party's several share  
19 of any damages only and not for the share of any other  
20 person. Each party shall be liable only for the amount of  
21 damages allocated to such party in direct proportion to  
22 such party's percentage of responsibility. Whenever a  
23 judgment of liability is rendered as to any party, a sepa-  
24 rate judgment shall be rendered against each such party  
25 for the amount allocated to such party. For purposes of

1 this section, the trier of fact shall determine the propor-  
2 tion of responsibility of each party for the claimant's  
3 harm.

4 **SEC. 404. MAXIMIZING PATIENT RECOVERY.**

5 (a) COURT SUPERVISION OF SHARE OF DAMAGES  
6 ACTUALLY PAID TO CLAIMANTS.—In any health care law-  
7 suit, the court shall supervise the arrangements for pay-  
8 ment of damages to protect against conflicts of interest  
9 that may have the effect of reducing the amount of dam-  
10 ages awarded that are actually paid to claimants. In par-  
11 ticular, in any health care lawsuit in which the attorney  
12 for a party claims a financial stake in the outcome by vir-  
13 tue of a contingent fee, the court shall have the power  
14 to restrict the payment of a claimant's damage recovery  
15 to such attorney, and to redirect such damages to the  
16 claimant based upon the interests of justice and principles  
17 of equity. In no event shall the total of all contingent fees  
18 for representing all claimants in a health care lawsuit ex-  
19 ceed the following limits:

20 (1) Forty percent of the first \$50,000 recovered  
21 by the claimant(s).

22 (2) Thirty-three and one-third percent of the  
23 next \$50,000 recovered by the claimant(s).

24 (3) Twenty-five percent of the next \$500,000  
25 recovered by the claimant(s).

1           (4) Fifteen percent of any amount by which the  
2       recovery by the claimant(s) is in excess of \$600,000.

3       (b) APPLICABILITY.—The limitations in this section  
4 shall apply whether the recovery is by judgment, settle-  
5 ment, mediation, arbitration, or any other form of alter-  
6 native dispute resolution. In a health care lawsuit involv-  
7 ing a minor or incompetent person, a court retains the  
8 authority to authorize or approve a fee that is less than  
9 the maximum permitted under this section. The require-  
10 ment for court supervision in the first two sentences of  
11 subsection (a) applies only in civil actions.

12 **SEC. 405. PUNITIVE DAMAGES.**

13       (a) IN GENERAL.—Punitive damages may, if other-  
14 wise permitted by applicable State or Federal law, be  
15 awarded against any person in a health care lawsuit only  
16 if it is proven by clear and convincing evidence that such  
17 person acted with malicious intent to injure the claimant,  
18 or that such person deliberately failed to avoid unneces-  
19 sary injury that such person knew the claimant was sub-  
20 stantially certain to suffer. In any health care lawsuit  
21 where no judgment for compensatory damages is rendered  
22 against such person, no punitive damages may be awarded  
23 with respect to the claim in such lawsuit. No demand for  
24 punitive damages shall be included in a health care lawsuit  
25 as initially filed. A court may allow a claimant to file an

1 amended pleading for punitive damages only upon a mo-  
2 tion by the claimant and after a finding by the court, upon  
3 review of supporting and opposing affidavits or after a  
4 hearing, after weighing the evidence, that the claimant has  
5 established by a substantial probability that the claimant  
6 will prevail on the claim for punitive damages. At the re-  
7 quest of any party in a health care lawsuit, the trier of  
8 fact shall consider in a separate proceeding—

9           (1) whether punitive damages are to be award-  
10       ed and the amount of such award; and

11           (2) the amount of punitive damages following a  
12       determination of punitive liability.

13 If a separate proceeding is requested, evidence relevant  
14 only to the claim for punitive damages, as determined by  
15 applicable State law, shall be inadmissible in any pro-  
16 ceeding to determine whether compensatory damages are  
17 to be awarded.

18       (b) DETERMINING AMOUNT OF PUNITIVE DAM-  
19 AGES.—

20           (1) FACTORS CONSIDERED.—In determining  
21       the amount of punitive damages, if awarded, in a  
22       health care lawsuit, the trier of fact shall consider  
23       only the following—

24                   (A) the severity of the harm caused by the  
25       conduct of such party;

1 (B) the duration of the conduct or any  
2 concealment of it by such party;

3 (C) the profitability of the conduct to such  
4 party;

5 (D) the number of products sold or med-  
6 ical procedures rendered for compensation, as  
7 the case may be, by such party, of the kind  
8 causing the harm complained of by the claim-  
9 ant;

10 (E) any criminal penalties imposed on such  
11 party, as a result of the conduct complained of  
12 by the claimant; and

13 (F) the amount of any civil fines assessed  
14 against such party as a result of the conduct  
15 complained of by the claimant.

16 (2) MAXIMUM AWARD.—The amount of punitive  
17 damages, if awarded, in a health care lawsuit may  
18 be as much as \$250,000 or as much as two times  
19 the amount of economic damages awarded, which-  
20 ever is greater. The jury shall not be informed of  
21 this limitation.

22 (c) NO PUNITIVE DAMAGES FOR PRODUCTS THAT  
23 COMPLY WITH FDA STANDARDS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—



1 (A) No punitive damages may be awarded  
2 against the manufacturer or distributor of a  
3 medical product, or a supplier of any compo-  
4 nent or raw material of such medical product,  
5 based on a claim that such product caused the  
6 claimant's harm where—

7 (i)(I) such medical product was sub-  
8 ject to premarket approval, clearance, or li-  
9 censure by the Food and Drug Administra-  
10 tion with respect to the safety of the for-  
11 mulation or performance of the aspect of  
12 such medical product which caused the  
13 claimant's harm or the adequacy of the  
14 packaging or labeling of such medical  
15 product; and

16 (II) such medical product was so ap-  
17 proved, cleared, or licensed; or

18 (ii) such medical product is generally  
19 recognized among qualified experts as safe  
20 and effective pursuant to conditions estab-  
21 lished by the Food and Drug Administra-  
22 tion and applicable Food and Drug Admin-  
23 istration regulations, including without  
24 limitation those related to packaging and  
25 labeling, unless the Food and Drug Admin-

1           istration has determined that such medical  
2           product was not manufactured or distrib-  
3           uted in substantial compliance with appli-  
4           cable Food and Drug Administration stat-  
5           utes and regulations.

6           (B) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Subpara-  
7           graph (A) may not be construed as establishing  
8           the obligation of the Food and Drug Adminis-  
9           tration to demonstrate affirmatively that a  
10          manufacturer, distributor, or supplier referred  
11          to in such subparagraph meets any of the con-  
12          ditions described in such subparagraph.

13          (2) LIABILITY OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.—

14        A health care provider who prescribes, or who dis-  
15        penses pursuant to a prescription, a medical product  
16        approved, licensed, or cleared by the Food and Drug  
17        Administration shall not be named as a party to a  
18        product liability lawsuit involving such product and  
19        shall not be liable to a claimant in a class action  
20        lawsuit against the manufacturer, distributor, or  
21        seller of such product. Nothing in this paragraph  
22        prevents a court from consolidating cases involving  
23        health care providers and cases involving products li-  
24        ability claims against the manufacturer, distributor,  
25        or product seller of such medical product.

1           (3) PACKAGING.—In a health care lawsuit for  
2       harm which is alleged to relate to the adequacy of  
3       the packaging or labeling of a drug which is required  
4       to have tamper-resistant packaging under regula-  
5       tions of the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
6       ices (including labeling regulations related to such  
7       packaging), the manufacturer or product seller of  
8       the drug shall not be held liable for punitive dam-  
9       ages unless such packaging or labeling is found by  
10      the trier of fact by clear and convincing evidence to  
11      be substantially out of compliance with such regula-  
12      tions.

13           (4) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not  
14      apply in any health care lawsuit in which—

15           (A) a person, before or after premarket ap-  
16      proval, clearance, or licensure of such medical  
17      product, knowingly misrepresented to or with-  
18      held from the Food and Drug Administration  
19      information that is required to be submitted  
20      under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic  
21      Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) or section 351 of  
22      the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262)  
23      that is material and is causally related to the  
24      harm which the claimant allegedly suffered

1 (B) a person made an illegal payment to  
2 an official of the Food and Drug Administra-  
3 tion for the purpose of either securing or main-  
4 taining approval, clearance, or licensure of such  
5 medical product; or

6 (C) the defendant caused the medical prod-  
7 uct which caused the claimant's harm to be  
8 misbranded or adulterated (as such terms are  
9 used in chapter V of the Federal Food, Drug,  
10 and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 351 et seq.)).

11 **SEC. 406. AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT OF FUTURE DAM-**  
12 **AGES TO CLAIMANTS IN HEALTH CARE LAW-**  
13 **SUITS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—In any health care lawsuit, if an  
15 award of future damages, without reduction to present  
16 value, equaling or exceeding \$50,000 is made against a  
17 party with sufficient insurance or other assets to fund a  
18 periodic payment of such a judgment, the court shall, at  
19 the request of any party, enter a judgment ordering that  
20 the future damages be paid by periodic payments, in ac-  
21 cordance with the Uniform Periodic Payment of Judg-  
22 ments Act promulgated by the National Conference of  
23 Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

1 (b) APPLICABILITY.—This section applies to all ac-  
2 tions which have not been first set for trial or retrial be-  
3 fore the effective date of this title.

4 **SEC. 407. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this title:

6 (1) ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION SYS-  
7 TEM; ADR.—The term “alternative dispute resolution  
8 system” or “ADR” means a system that provides  
9 for the resolution of health care lawsuits in a man-  
10 ner other than through a civil action brought in a  
11 State or Federal court.

12 (2) CLAIMANT.—The term “claimant” means  
13 any person who brings a health care lawsuit, includ-  
14 ing a person who asserts or claims a right to legal  
15 or equitable contribution, indemnity, or subrogation,  
16 arising out of a health care liability claim or action,  
17 and any person on whose behalf such a claim is as-  
18 serted or such an action is brought, whether de-  
19 ceased, incompetent, or a minor.

20 (3) COMPENSATORY DAMAGES.—The term  
21 “compensatory damages” means objectively  
22 verifiable monetary losses incurred as a result of the  
23 provision of, use of, or payment for (or failure to  
24 provide, use, or pay for) health care services or med-  
25 ical products, such as past and future medical ex-

1       penses, loss of past and future earnings, cost of ob-  
2       taining domestic services, loss of employment, and  
3       loss of business or employment opportunities, dam-  
4       ages for physical and emotional pain, suffering, in-  
5       convenience, physical impairment, mental anguish,  
6       disfigurement, loss of enjoyment of life, loss of soci-  
7       ety and companionship, loss of consortium (other  
8       than loss of domestic service), hedonic damages, in-  
9       jury to reputation, and all other nonpecuniary losses  
10      of any kind or nature. The term “compensatory  
11      damages” includes economic damages and non-  
12      economic damages, as such terms are defined in this  
13      section.

14           (4) CONTINGENT FEE.—The term “contingent  
15      fee” includes all compensation to any person or per-  
16      sons which is payable only if a recovery is effected  
17      on behalf of one or more claimants.

18           (5) ECONOMIC DAMAGES.—The term “economic  
19      damages” means objectively verifiable monetary  
20      losses incurred as a result of the provision of, use  
21      of, or payment for (or failure to provide, use, or pay  
22      for) health care services or medical products, such as  
23      past and future medical expenses, loss of past and  
24      future earnings, cost of obtaining domestic services,

1 loss of employment, and loss of business or employ-  
2 ment opportunities.

3 (6) HEALTH CARE LAWSUIT.—The term  
4 “health care lawsuit” means any health care liability  
5 claim concerning the provision of health care goods  
6 or services or any medical product affecting inter-  
7 state commerce, or any health care liability action  
8 concerning the provision of health care goods or  
9 services or any medical product affecting interstate  
10 commerce, brought in a State or Federal court or  
11 pursuant to an alternative dispute resolution system,  
12 against a health care provider, a health care organi-  
13 zation, or the manufacturer, distributor, supplier,  
14 marketer, promoter, or seller of a medical product,  
15 regardless of the theory of liability on which the  
16 claim is based, or the number of claimants, plain-  
17 tiffs, defendants, or other parties, or the number of  
18 claims or causes of action, in which the claimant al-  
19 leges a health care liability claim. Such term does  
20 not include a claim or action which is based on  
21 criminal liability; which seeks civil fines or penalties  
22 paid to Federal, State, or local government; or which  
23 is grounded in antitrust.

24 (7) HEALTH CARE LIABILITY ACTION.—The  
25 term “health care liability action” means a civil ac-

tion brought in a State or Federal court or pursuant to an alternative dispute resolution system, against a health care provider, a health care organization, or the manufacturer, distributor, supplier, marketer, promoter, or seller of a medical product, regardless of the theory of liability on which the claim is based, or the number of plaintiffs, defendants, or other parties, or the number of causes of action, in which the claimant alleges a health care liability claim.

(8) HEALTH CARE LIABILITY CLAIM.—The term “health care liability claim” means a demand by any person, whether or not pursuant to ADR, against a health care provider, health care organization, or the manufacturer, distributor, supplier, marketer, promoter, or seller of a medical product, including, but not limited to, third-party claims, cross-claims, counter-claims, or contribution claims, which are based upon the provision of, use of, or payment for (or the failure to provide, use, or pay for) health care services or medical products, regardless of the theory of liability on which the claim is based, or the number of plaintiffs, defendants, or other parties, or the number of causes of action.

(9) HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATION.—The term “health care organization” means any person or en-



1       tity which is obligated to provide or pay for health  
2       benefits under any health plan, including any person  
3       or entity acting under a contract or arrangement  
4       with a health care organization to provide or admin-  
5       ister any health benefit.

6           (10) HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.—The term  
7       “health care provider” means any person or entity  
8       required by State or Federal laws or regulations to  
9       be licensed, registered, or certified to provide health  
10      care services, and being either so licensed, reg-  
11      istered, or certified, or exempted from such require-  
12      ment by other statute or regulation.

13          (11) HEALTH CARE GOODS OR SERVICES.—The  
14      term “health care goods or services” means any  
15      goods or services provided by a health care organiza-  
16      tion, provider, or by any individual working under  
17      the supervision of a health care provider, that relates  
18      to the diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of any  
19      human disease or impairment, or the assessment or  
20      care of the health of human beings.

21          (12) MALICIOUS INTENT TO INJURE.—The  
22      term “malicious intent to injure” means inten-  
23      tionally causing or attempting to cause physical in-  
24      jury other than providing health care goods or serv-  
25      ices.

1           (13) MEDICAL PRODUCT.—The term “medical  
2       product” means a drug, device, or biological product  
3       intended for humans, and the terms “drug”, “de-  
4       vice”, and “biological product” have the meanings  
5       given such terms in sections 201(g)(1) and 201(h)  
6       of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (21  
7       U.S.C. 321(g)(1) and (h)) and section 351(a) of the  
8       Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262(a)), re-  
9       spectively, including any component or raw material  
10      used therein, but excluding health care services.

11          (14) NONECONOMIC DAMAGES.—The term  
12      “noneconomic damages” means damages for phys-  
13      ical and emotional pain, suffering, inconvenience,  
14      physical impairment, mental anguish, disfigurement,  
15      loss of enjoyment of life, loss of society and compan-  
16      ionship, loss of consortium (other than loss of do-  
17      mestic service), hedonic damages, injury to reputa-  
18      tion, and all other nonpecuniary losses of any kind  
19      or nature.

20          (15) PUNITIVE DAMAGES.—The term “punitive  
21      damages” means damages awarded, for the purpose  
22      of punishment or deterrence, and not solely for com-  
23      pensatory purposes, against a health care provider,  
24      health care organization, or a manufacturer, dis-  
25      tributor, or supplier of a medical product. Punitive

1 damages are neither economic nor noneconomic  
2 damages.

3 (16) RECOVERY.—The term “recovery” means  
4 the net sum recovered after deducting any disburse-  
5 ments or costs incurred in connection with prosecu-  
6 tion or settlement of the claim, including all costs  
7 paid or advanced by any person. Costs of health care  
8 incurred by the plaintiff and the attorneys’ office  
9 overhead costs or charges for legal services are not  
10 deductible disbursements or costs for such purpose.

11 (17) STATE.—The term “State” means each of  
12 the several States, the District of Columbia, the  
13 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands,  
14 Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Is-  
15 lands, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and  
16 any other territory or possession of the United  
17 States, or any political subdivision thereof.

18 **SEC. 408. EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.**

19 (a) VACCINE INJURY.—

20 (1) To the extent that title XXI of the Public  
21 Health Service Act establishes a Federal rule of law  
22 applicable to a civil action brought for a vaccine-re-  
23 lated injury or death—

24 (A) this title does not affect the application  
25 of the rule of law to such an action; and

1 (B) any rule of law prescribed by this title  
2 in conflict with a rule of law of such title XXI  
3 shall not apply to such action.

4 (2) If there is an aspect of a civil action  
5 brought for a vaccine-related injury or death to  
6 which a Federal rule of law under title XXI of the  
7 Public Health Service Act does not apply, then this  
8 title or otherwise applicable law (as determined  
9 under this title) will apply to such aspect of such ac-  
10 tion.

11 (b) OTHER FEDERAL LAW.—Except as provided in  
12 this section, nothing in this title shall be deemed to affect  
13 any defense available to a defendant in a health care law-  
14 suit or action under any other provision of Federal law.

15 **SEC. 409. STATE FLEXIBILITY AND PROTECTION OF**  
16 **STATES' RIGHTS.**

17 (a) HEALTH CARE LAWSUITS.—The provisions gov-  
18 erning health care lawsuits set forth in this title preempt,  
19 subject to subsections (b) and (c), State law to the extent  
20 that State law prevents the application of any provisions  
21 of law established by or under this title. The provisions  
22 governing health care lawsuits set forth in this title super-  
23 sede chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code, to the  
24 extent that such chapter—

1           (1) provides for a greater amount of damages  
2           or contingent fees, a longer period in which a health  
3           care lawsuit may be commenced, or a reduced appli-  
4           cability or scope of periodic payment of future dam-  
5           ages, than provided in this title; or

6           (2) prohibits the introduction of evidence re-  
7           garding collateral source benefits, or mandates or  
8           permits subrogation or a lien on collateral source  
9           benefits.

10          (b) PROTECTION OF STATES' RIGHTS AND OTHER  
11          LAWS.—(1) Any issue that is not governed by any provi-  
12          sion of law established by or under this title (including  
13          State standards of negligence) shall be governed by other-  
14          wise applicable State or Federal law.

15          (2) This title shall not preempt or supersede any  
16          State or Federal law that imposes greater procedural or  
17          substantive protections for health care providers and  
18          health care organizations from liability, loss, or damages  
19          than those provided by this title or create a cause of ac-  
20          tion.

21          (c) STATE FLEXIBILITY.—No provision of this title  
22          shall be construed to preempt—

23                 (1) any State law (whether effective before, on,  
24                 or after the date of the enactment of this Act) that  
25                 specifies a particular monetary amount of compen-

1 satory or punitive damages (or the total amount of  
 2 damages) that may be awarded in a health care law-  
 3 suit, regardless of whether such monetary amount is  
 4 greater or lesser than is provided for under this title,  
 5 notwithstanding section 303(a); or

6 (2) any defense available to a party in a health  
 7 care lawsuit under any other provision of State or  
 8 Federal law.

9 **SEC. 410. APPLICABILITY; EFFECTIVE DATE.**

10 This title shall apply to any health care lawsuit  
 11 brought in a Federal or State court, or subject to an alter-  
 12 native dispute resolution system, that is initiated on or  
 13 after the date of the enactment of this Act, except that  
 14 any health care lawsuit arising from an injury occurring  
 15 prior to the date of the enactment of this Act shall be  
 16 governed by the applicable statute of limitations provisions  
 17 in effect at the time the injury occurred.

18 **TITLE V—COMMITTEE ON OVER-**  
 19 **SIGHT AND GOVERNMENT RE-**  
 20 **FORM**

21 **SEC. 501. RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS.**

22 (a) CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.—

23 (1) INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.—Section  
 24 8334(c) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

1 (A) by striking “(c) Each” and inserting  
2 “(c)(1) Each”; and

3 (B) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this sub-  
5 section, the applicable percentage of basic pay under this  
6 subsection shall—

7 “(A) except as provided in subparagraph (B) or  
8 (C), for purposes of computing an amount—

9 “(i) for a period in calendar year 2013, be  
10 equal to the applicable percentage under this  
11 subsection for calendar year 2012, plus an ad-  
12 ditional 1.5 percentage points;

13 “(ii) for a period in calendar year 2014, be  
14 equal to the applicable percentage under this  
15 subsection for calendar year 2013 (as deter-  
16 mined under clause (i)), plus an additional 0.5  
17 percentage point;

18 “(iii) for a period in calendar year 2015,  
19 2016, or 2017, be equal to the applicable per-  
20 centage under this subsection for the preceding  
21 calendar year (as determined under clause (ii)  
22 or this clause, as the case may be), plus an ad-  
23 ditional 1.0 percentage point; and

24 “(iv) for a period in any calendar year  
25 after 2017, be equal to the applicable percent-

1           age under this subsection for calendar year  
2           2017 (as determined under clause (iii));

3           “(B) for purposes of computing an amount with  
4           respect to a Member for Member service—

5                   “(i) for a period in calendar year 2013, be  
6                   equal to the applicable percentage under this  
7                   subsection for calendar year 2012, plus an ad-  
8                   ditional 2.5 percentage points;

9                   “(ii) for a period in calendar year 2014,  
10                  2015, 2016, or 2017, be equal to the applicable  
11                  percentage under this subsection for the pre-  
12                  ceding calendar year (as determined under  
13                  clause (i) or this clause, as the case may be),  
14                  plus an additional 1.5 percentage points; and

15                  “(iii) for a period in any calendar year  
16                  after 2017, be equal to the applicable percent-  
17                  age under this subsection for calendar year  
18                  2017 (as determined under clause (ii)); and

19           “(C) for purposes of computing an amount with  
20           respect to a Member or employee for Congressional  
21           employee service—

22                   “(i) for a period in calendar year 2013, be  
23                   equal to the applicable percentage under this  
24                   subsection for calendar year 2012, plus an ad-  
25                   ditional 2.5 percentage points;



1           “(ii) for a period in calendar year 2014,  
2           2015, 2016, or 2017, be equal to the applicable  
3           percentage under this subsection for the pre-  
4           ceding calendar year (as determined under  
5           clause (i) or this clause, as the case may be),  
6           plus an additional 1.5 percentage points; and

7           “(iii) for a period in any calendar year  
8           after 2017, be equal to the applicable percent-  
9           age under this subsection for calendar year  
10          2017 (as determined under clause (ii)).

11       “(3)(A) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(2), any ex-  
12       cess contributions under subsection (a)(1)(A) (including  
13       the portion of any deposit under this subsection allocable  
14       to excess contributions) shall, if made by an employee of  
15       the United States Postal Service or the Postal Regulatory  
16       Commission, be deposited to the credit of the Postal Serv-  
17       ice Fund under section 2003 of title 39, rather than the  
18       Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund.

19       “(B) For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘ex-  
20       cess contributions’, as used with respect to contributions  
21       made under subsection (a)(1)(A) by an employee of the  
22       United States Postal Service or the Postal Regulatory  
23       Commission, means the amount by which—

24           “(i) deductions from basic pay of such employee  
25       which are made under subsection (a)(1)(A), exceed

1           “(ii) deductions from basic pay of such em-  
2       ployee which would have been so made if paragraph  
3       (2) had not been enacted.”.

4           (2) GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS.—Section  
5       8334(a)(1)(B) of title 5, United States Code, is  
6       amended—

7           (A) in clause (i), by striking “Except as  
8       provided in clause (ii),” and inserting “Except  
9       as provided in clause (ii) or (iii),”; and

10          (B) by adding at the end the following:

11       “(iii) The amount to be contributed under clause (i)  
12       shall, with respect to a period in any year beginning after  
13       December 31, 2012, be equal to—

14           “(I) the amount which would otherwise apply  
15       under clause (i) with respect to such period, reduced  
16       by

17           “(II) the amount by which, with respect to such  
18       period, the withholding under subparagraph (A) ex-  
19       ceeds the amount which would otherwise have been  
20       withheld from the basic pay of the employee or elect-  
21       ed official involved under subparagraph (A) based on  
22       the percentage applicable under subsection (c) for  
23       calendar year 2012.”.

24       (b) FEDERAL EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM.—

1           (1)   INDIVIDUAL    CONTRIBUTIONS.—Section  
2       8422(a)(3) of title 5, United States Code, is amend-  
3       ed—

4                   (A) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as  
5       subparagraph (C);

6                   (B) by inserting after subparagraph (A)  
7       the following:

8       “(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
9       paragraph, the applicable percentage under this para-  
10      graph for civilian service by employees or Members other  
11      than revised annuity employees shall—

12                   “(i) except as provided in clause (ii) or (iii), for  
13      purposes of computing an amount—

14                   “(I) for a period in calendar year 2013, be  
15      equal to the applicable percentage under this  
16      paragraph for calendar year 2012, plus an ad-  
17      ditional 1.5 percentage points;

18                   “(II) for a period in calendar year 2014,  
19      be equal to the applicable percentage under this  
20      paragraph for calendar year 2013 (as deter-  
21      mined under subclause (I)), plus an additional  
22      0.5 percentage point;

23                   “(III) for a period in calendar year 2015,  
24      2016, or 2017, be equal to the applicable per-  
25      centage under this paragraph for the preceding

1           calendar year (as determined under subclause  
2           (II) or this subclause, as the case may be), plus  
3           an additional 1.0 percentage point; and

4           “(IV) for a period in any calendar year  
5           after 2017, be equal to the applicable percent-  
6           age under this paragraph for calendar year  
7           2017 (as determined under subclause (III));

8           “(ii) for purposes of computing an amount with  
9           respect to a Member—

10           “(I) for a period in calendar year 2013, be  
11           equal to the applicable percentage under this  
12           paragraph for calendar year 2012, plus an ad-  
13           ditional 2.5 percentage points;

14           “(II) for a period in calendar year 2014,  
15           2015, 2016, or 2017, be equal to the applicable  
16           percentage under this paragraph for the pre-  
17           ceding calendar year (as determined under sub-  
18           clause (I) or this subclause, as the case may  
19           be), plus an additional 1.5 percentage points;  
20           and

21           “(III) for a period in any calendar year  
22           after 2017, be equal to the applicable percent-  
23           age under this paragraph for calendar year  
24           2017 (as determined under subclause (II)); and

1           “(iii) for purposes of computing an amount  
2       with respect to a Congressional employee—

3           “(I) for a period in calendar year 2013,  
4       2014, 2015, 2016, or 2017, be equal to the ap-  
5       plicable percentage under this paragraph for  
6       the preceding calendar year (including as in-  
7       creased under this subclause, if applicable), plus  
8       an additional 1.5 percentage points; and

9           “(II) for a period in any calendar year  
10      after 2017, be equal to the applicable percent-  
11      age under this paragraph for calendar year  
12      2017 (as determined under subclause (I)).”;  
13      and

14           (C) in subparagraph (C) (as so redesign-  
15      ated by subparagraph (A))—

16           (i) by striking “9.3” each place it ap-  
17      pears and inserting “12”; and

18           (ii) by striking “9.8” each place it ap-  
19      pears and inserting “12.5”.

20           (2) GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS.—Section  
21      8423(a)(2) of title 5, United States Code, is amend-  
22      ed—

23           (A) by striking “(2)” and inserting  
24      “(2)(A)”; and

25           (B) by adding at the end the following:

1       “(B)(i) Subject to clauses (ii) and (iii), for purposes  
2 of any period in any year beginning after December 31,  
3 2012, the normal-cost percentage under this subsection  
4 shall be determined and applied as if section 501(b)(1)  
5 of the Spending Reduction Act of 2012 had not been en-  
6 acted.

7       “(ii) Any contributions under this subsection in ex-  
8 cess of the amounts which (but for clause (i)) would other-  
9 wise have been payable shall be applied toward reducing  
10 the unfunded liability of the Civil Service Retirement Sys-  
11 tem.

12       “(iii) After the unfunded liability of the Civil Service  
13 Retirement System has been eliminated, as determined by  
14 the Office, Government contributions under this sub-  
15 section shall be determined and made disregarding this  
16 subparagraph.

17       “(iv) The preceding provisions of this subparagraph  
18 shall be disregarded for purposes of determining the con-  
19 tributions payable by the United States Postal Service and  
20 the Postal Regulatory Commission.”.

21 **SEC. 502. ANNUITY SUPPLEMENT.**

22       Section 8421(a) of title 5, United States Code, is  
23 amended—

24               (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “paragraph  
25       (3)” and inserting “paragraphs (3) and (4)”;

1           (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “paragraph  
2           (3)” and inserting “paragraphs (3) and (4)”; and

3           (3) by adding at the end the following:

4           “(4)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), no  
5 annuity supplement under this section shall be payable in  
6 the case of an individual who first becomes subject to this  
7 chapter after December 31, 2012.

8           “(B) Nothing in this paragraph applies in the case  
9 of an individual separating under subsection (d) or (e) of  
10 section 8412.”.

11 **SEC. 503. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THRIFT SAVINGS FUND OF**  
12 **PAYMENTS FOR ACCRUED OR ACCUMULATED**  
13 **LEAVE.**

14           (a) AMENDMENTS RELATING TO CSRS.—Section  
15 8351(b) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

16           (1) by striking paragraph (2)(A) and inserting  
17 the following:

18           “(2)(A) An employee or Member may contribute to  
19 the Thrift Savings Fund in any pay period any amount  
20 of such employee’s or Member’s basic pay for such pay  
21 period, and may contribute (by direct transfer to the  
22 Fund) any part of any payment that the employee or  
23 Member receives for accumulated and accrued annual or  
24 vacation leave under section 5551 or 5552. Notwith-  
25 standing section 2105(e), in this paragraph the term ‘em-

1 ployee’ includes an employee of the United States Postal  
2 Service or of the Postal Regulatory Commission.”;

3 (2) by striking subparagraph (B) of paragraph  
4 (2); and

5 (3) by redesignating subparagraph (C) of para-  
6 graph (2) as subparagraph (B).

7 (b) AMENDMENTS RELATING TO FERS.—Section  
8 8432(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

9 (1) by striking all that precedes paragraph (3)  
10 and inserting the following:

11 “(a)(1) An employee or Member—

12 “(A) may contribute to the Thrift Savings  
13 Fund in any pay period, pursuant to an election  
14 under subsection (b), any amount of such employee’s  
15 or Member’s basic pay for such pay period; and

16 “(B) may contribute (by direct transfer to the  
17 Fund) any part of any payment that the employee  
18 or Member receives for accumulated and accrued an-  
19 nual or vacation leave under section 5551 or 5552.

20 “(2) Contributions made under paragraph (1)(A)  
21 pursuant to an election under subsection (b) shall, with  
22 respect to each pay period for which such election remains  
23 in effect, be made in accordance with a program of regular  
24 contributions provided in regulations prescribed by the  
25 Executive Director.”; and



1 (2) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(4) Notwithstanding section 2105(e), in this sub-  
3 section the term ‘employee’ includes an employee of the  
4 United States Postal Service or of the Postal Regulatory  
5 Commission.”.

6 (c) REGULATIONS.—The Executive Director of the  
7 Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board shall pro-  
8 mulgate regulations to carry out the amendments made  
9 by this section.

10 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
11 subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect 1 year after the  
12 date of the enactment of this Act.

## 13 **TITLE VI—COMMITTEE ON WAYS** 14 **AND MEANS**

### 15 **Subtitle A—Recapture of Overpay-** 16 **ments Resulting From Certain** 17 **Federally-subsidized Health In-** 18 **surance**

#### 19 **SEC. 601. RECAPTURE OF OVERPAYMENTS RESULTING** 20 **FROM CERTAIN FEDERALLY-SUBSIDIZED** 21 **HEALTH INSURANCE.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 36B(f)  
23 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by strik-  
24 ing subparagraph (B).

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—So much of para-  
 2 graph (2) of section 36B(f) of such Code, as amended by  
 3 subsection (a), as precedes “advance payments” is amend-  
 4 ed to read as follows:

5 “(2) EXCESS ADVANCE PAYMENTS.—If the”.

6 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 7 this section shall apply to taxable years ending after De-  
 8 cember 31, 2013.

9 **Subtitle B—Social Security Num-**  
 10 **ber Required to Claim the Re-**  
 11 **fundable Portion of the Child**  
 12 **Tax Credit**

13 **SEC. 611. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER REQUIRED TO CLAIM**  
 14 **THE REFUNDABLE PORTION OF THE CHILD**  
 15 **TAX CREDIT.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (d) of section 24 of the  
 17 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at  
 18 the end the following new paragraph:

19 “(5) IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT WITH RE-  
 20 SPECT TO TAXPAYER.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) shall  
 22 not apply to any taxpayer for any taxable year  
 23 unless the taxpayer includes the taxpayer’s So-  
 24 cial Security number on the return of tax for  
 25 such taxable year.

1                   “(B) JOINT RETURNS.—In the case of a  
 2                   joint return, the requirement of subparagraph  
 3                   (A) shall be treated as met if the Social Secu-  
 4                   rity number of either spouse is included on such  
 5                   return.

6                   “(C) LIMITATION.—Subparagraph (A)  
 7                   shall not apply to the extent the tentative min-  
 8                   imum tax (as defined in section 55(b)(1)(A))  
 9                   exceeds the credit allowed under section 32.”.

10           (b) OMISSION TREATED AS MATHEMATICAL OR  
 11           CLERICAL ERROR.—Subparagraph (I) of section  
 12           6213(g)(2) of such Code is amended to read as follows:

13                   “(I) an omission of a correct Social Secu-  
 14                   rity number required under section 24(d)(5)  
 15                   (relating to refundable portion of child tax cred-  
 16                   it), or a correct TIN under section 24(e) (relat-  
 17                   ing to child tax credit), to be included on a re-  
 18                   turn,”.

19           (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (e) of  
 20           section 24 of such Code is amended by inserting “WITH  
 21           RESPECT TO QUALIFYING CHILDREN” after “IDENTI-  
 22           FICATION REQUIREMENT” in the heading thereof.

23           (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 24           this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
 25           the date of the enactment of this Act.

## **Subtitle C—Human Resources Provisions**

### **SEC. 621. REPEAL OF THE PROGRAM OF BLOCK GRANTS TO STATES FOR SOCIAL SERVICES.**

(a) REPEALS.—Sections 2001 through 2007 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397–1397f) are repealed.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 404(d) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 604(d)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “any or all of the following provisions of law:” and all that follows through “The” and inserting “the”;

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) by striking “RULES” and all that follows through “any amount paid” and inserting “RULES.—Any amount paid”;

(ii) by striking “a provision of law specified in paragraph (1)” and inserting “the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990”; and

(iii) by striking subparagraph (B);  
and

(C) by striking paragraph (2) and redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (2).

1           (2) Section 422(b) of the Social Security Act  
2       (42 U.S.C. 622(b)) is amended—

3           (A) in paragraph (1)(A)—

4               (i) by striking “administers or super-  
5               vises” and inserting “administered or su-  
6               pervised”; and

7               (ii) by striking “subtitle 1 of title  
8               XX” and inserting “subtitle A of title XX  
9               (as in effect before the repeal of such sub-  
10              title)”; and

11          (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “under  
12          subtitle 1 of title XX,”.

13          (3) Section 471(a) of the Social Security Act  
14       (42 U.S.C. 671(a)) is amended—

15          (A) in paragraph (4), by striking “, under  
16          subtitle 1 of title XX of this Act,”; and

17          (B) in paragraph (8), by striking “XIX, or  
18          XX” and inserting “or XIX”.

19          (4) Section 472(h)(1) of the Social Security Act  
20       (42 U.S.C. 672(h)(1)) is amended by striking the  
21       2nd sentence.

22          (5) Section 473(b) of the Social Security Act  
23       (42 U.S.C. 673(b)) is amended—

24          (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “(3)”  
25          and inserting “(2)”;

1 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “para-  
2 graphs (1) and (2)” and inserting “paragraph  
3 (1)”; and

4 (C) by striking paragraph (2) and redesign-  
5 ating paragraphs (3) and (4) as paragraphs  
6 (2) and (3), respectively.

7 (6) Section 504(b)(6) of the Social Security Act  
8 (42 U.S.C. 704(b)(6)) is amended in each of sub-  
9 paragraphs (A) and (B) by striking “XIX, or XX”  
10 and inserting “or XIX”.

11 (7) Section 1101(a)(1) of the Social Security  
12 Act (42 U.S.C. 1301(a)(1)) is amended by striking  
13 the penultimate sentence.

14 (8) Section 1128(h) of the Social Security Act  
15 (42 U.S.C. 1320a–7(h)) is amended—

16 (A) by adding “or” at the end of para-  
17 graph (2); and

18 (B) by striking paragraph (3) and redesign-  
19 ating paragraph (4) as paragraph (3).

20 (9) Section 1128A(i)(1) of the Social Security  
21 Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a–7a(i)(1)) is amended by strik-  
22 ing “or subtitle 1 of title XX”.

23 (10) Section 1132(a)(1) of the Social Security  
24 Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–2(a)(1)) is amended by strik-  
25 ing “XIX, or XX” and inserting “or XIX”.

1           (11) Section 1902(e)(13)(F)(iii) of the Social  
2       Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(e)(13)(F)(iii)) is  
3       amended—

4                   (A) by striking “EXCLUSIONS” and insert-  
5       ing “EXCLUSION”; and

6                   (B) by striking “an agency that determines  
7       eligibility for a program established under the  
8       Social Services Block Grant established under  
9       title XX or”.

10          (12) The heading for title XX of the Social Se-  
11       curity Act is amended by striking “BLOCK  
12       GRANTS TO STATES FOR SOCIAL SERVICES”  
13       and inserting “HEALTH PROFESSIONS DEM-  
14       ONSTRATIONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
15       HEALTH CONDITION DETECTION”.

16          (13) The heading for subtitle A of title XX of  
17       the Social Security Act is amended by striking  
18       **“Block Grants to States for Social Serv-**  
19       **ices”** and inserting **“Health Professions**  
20       **Demonstrations and Environmental**  
21       **Health Condition Detection”**.

22          (14) Section 16(k)(5)(B)(i) of the Food and  
23       Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025(k)(5)(B)(i))  
24       is amended by striking “, or title XX,”.

1           (15) Section 402(b)(3) of the Personal Respon-  
2           sibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of  
3           1996 (8 U.S.C. 1612(b)(3)) is amended by striking  
4           subparagraph (B) and redesignating subparagraph  
5           (C) as subparagraph (B).

6           (16) Section 245A(h)(4)(I) of the Immigration  
7           Reform and Control Act of 1986 (8 U.S.C.  
8           1255a(h)(4)(I)) is amended by striking “, XVI, and  
9           XX” and inserting “and XVI”.

10          (17) Section 17 of the Richard B. Russell Na-  
11          tional School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766) is amend-  
12          ed—

13                (A) in subsection (a)(2)—

14                   (i) in subparagraph (B)—

15                        (I) by striking “—” and all that  
16                        follows through “(i)”;

17                        (II) by striking “or” at the end  
18                        of clause (i); and

19                        (III) by striking clause (ii); and

20                        (ii) in subparagraph (D)(ii), by strik-  
21                        ing “or title XX”; and

22                (B) in subsection (o)(2)(B)—

23                   (i) by striking “or title XX” each  
24                   place it appears; and

25                   (ii) by striking “or XX”.



1           (18) Section 201(b) of the Indian Child Welfare  
2     Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 1931(b)) is amended by  
3     striking “titles IV–B and XX” each place it appears  
4     and inserting “part B of title IV”.

5           (19) Section 3803(c)(2)(C) of title 31, United  
6     States Code, is amended by striking clause (vi) and  
7     redesignating clauses (vii) through (xvi) as clauses  
8     (vi) through (xv), respectively.

9           (20) Section 14502(d)(3) of title 40, United  
10    States Code, is amended—

11                 (A) by striking “and title XX”; and

12                 (B) by striking “, 1397 et seq.”.

13           (21) Section 2006(a)(15) of the Public Health  
14     Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300z–5(a)(15)) is amended  
15     by striking “and title XX”.

16           (22) Section 203(b)(3) of the Older Americans  
17     Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3013(b)(3)) is amended by  
18     striking “XIX, and XX” and inserting “and XIX”.

19           (23) Section 213 of the Older Americans Act of  
20     1965 (42 U.S.C. 3020d) is amended by striking “or  
21     title XX”.

22           (24) Section 306(d) of the Older Americans Act  
23     of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3026(d)) is amended in each of  
24     paragraphs (1) and (2) by striking “titles XIX and  
25     XX” and inserting “title XIX”.

1           (25) Section 2605 of the Low-Income Home  
2           Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8624) is  
3           amended in each of subsections (b)(4) and (j) by  
4           striking “under title XX of the Social Security  
5           Act,”.

6           (26) Section 602 of the Child Development As-  
7           sociate Scholarship Assistance Act of 1985 (42  
8           U.S.C. 10901) is repealed.

9           (27) Section 3(d)(1) of the Assisted Suicide  
10          Funding Restriction Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C.  
11          14402(d)(1)) is amended by striking subparagraph  
12          (C) and redesignating subparagraphs (D) through  
13          (K) as subparagraphs (C) through (J), respectively.

14          (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The repeals and amend-  
15          ments made by this section shall take effect on January  
16          1, 2013.

## 17                   **TITLE VII—SEQUESTER** 18                   **REPLACEMENT**

### 19   **SEC. 701. SHORT TITLE.**

20          This title may be cited as the “Sequester Replace-  
21          ment Act of 2012”.

### 22   **SEC. 702. PROTECTING VETERANS PROGRAMS FROM SE-** 23                   **QUESTER.**

24          Section 256(e)(2)(E) of the Balanced Budget and  
25          Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is repealed.

1 **SEC. 703. ACHIEVING \$19 BILLION IN DISCRETIONARY SAV-**  
2 **INGS.**

3 (a) REVISED 2013 DISCRETIONARY SPENDING  
4 LIMIT.—Paragraph (2) of section 251(c) of the Balanced  
5 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 “(2) with respect to fiscal year 2013, for the  
8 discretionary category, \$1,047,000,000,000 in new  
9 budget authority;”.

10 (b) DISCRETIONARY SAVINGS.—Section 251A(7)(A)  
11 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control  
12 Act of 1985 is amended to read as follows:

13 “(A) FISCAL YEAR 2013.—

14 “(i) FISCAL YEAR 2013 ADJUST-  
15 MENT.—On January 2, 2013, the discre-  
16 tionary category set forth in section  
17 251(c)(2) shall be decreased by  
18 \$19,104,000,000 in budget authority.

19 “(ii) SUPPLEMENTAL SEQUESTRATION  
20 ORDER.—On January 15, 2013, OMB  
21 shall issue a supplemental sequestration  
22 report for fiscal year 2013 and take the  
23 form of a final sequestration report as set  
24 forth in section 254(f)(2) and using the  
25 procedures set forth in section 253(f), to  
26 eliminate any discretionary spending

1 breach of the spending limit set forth in  
 2 section 251(c)(2) as adjusted by clause (i),  
 3 and the President shall order a sequestra-  
 4 tion, if any, as required by such report.”.

5 **SEC. 704. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 314 OF**  
 6 **THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET AND IM-**  
 7 **POUNDMENT CONTROL ACT OF 1974.**

8 Section 314(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of  
 9 1974 is amended to read as follows:

10 “(a) ADJUSTMENTS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The chair of the Committee  
 12 on the Budget of the House of Representatives or  
 13 the Senate may make adjustments as set forth in  
 14 paragraph (2) for a bill or joint resolution, amend-  
 15 ment thereto or conference report thereon, by the  
 16 amount of new budget authority and outlays flowing  
 17 therefrom in the same amount as required by section  
 18 251(b) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Def-  
 19 icit Control Act of 1985.

20 “(2) MATTERS TO BE ADJUSTED.—The chair of  
 21 the Committee on the Budget of the House of Rep-  
 22 resentatives or the Senate may make the adjust-  
 23 ments referred to in paragraph (1) to—

1           “(A) the allocations made pursuant to the  
2           appropriate concurrent resolution on the budget  
3           pursuant to section 302(a);

4           “(B) the budgetary aggregates as set forth  
5           in the appropriate concurrent resolution on the  
6           budget; and

7           “(C) the discretionary spending limits, if  
8           any, set forth in the appropriate concurrent res-  
9           olution on the budget.”.

10 **SEC. 705. TREATMENT FOR PAYGO PURPOSES.**

11       The budgetary effects of this Act and any amendment  
12 made by it shall not be entered on either PAYGO score-  
13 card maintained pursuant to section 4(d) of the Statutory  
14 Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010.

15 **SEC. 706. ELIMINATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 SEQUES-**  
16 **TRATION FOR DEFENSE DIRECT SPENDING.**

17       Any sequestration order issued by the President  
18 under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Con-  
19 trol Act of 1985 to carry out reductions to direct spending  
20 for the defense function (050) for fiscal year 2013

1 pursuant to section 251A of such Act shall have no force  
2 or effect.

Passed the House of Representatives December 20,  
2012.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk.*