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H. R. 7569

To increase the penalties for health care fraud, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BEAN of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To increase the penalties for health care fraud, and for
other purposes.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Punishing Health Care
5 Fraudsters Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASED PENALTIES FOR HEALTH CARE FRAUD**
2 **UNDER TITLE 18.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1347 of title 18, United
4 States Code, is amended, in the flush matter preceding
5 subsection (b)—

6 (1) by striking “10 years” and inserting “25
7 years”; and

8 (2) by striking “20 years” and inserting “30
9 years”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
11 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to conduct occur-
12 ring on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

13 **SEC. 3. INCREASED CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR ACTS IN-**
14 **VOLVING FEDERAL HEALTH CARE PRO-**
15 **GRAMS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1128B of the Social Secu-
17 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a–7b) is amended—

18 (1) by striking “\$100,000” each place it ap-
19 pears and inserting “\$250,000”;

20 (2) by striking “10 years” each place it appears
21 and inserting “25 years”;

22 (3) in subsection (a), in the flush matter fol-
23 lowing paragraph (6), by striking “\$20,000” and in-
24 serting “\$100,000”; and

25 (4) in subsection (e)—

1 (A) by striking “\$4,000” and inserting
2 “\$100,000”; and

3 (B) by striking “six months” and inserting
4 “1 year”.

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
6 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to acts occurring
7 and statements or representations made on or after the
8 date of enactment of this Act.

9 **SEC. 4. UNITED STATES SENTENCING GUIDELINES.**

10 (a) COVERED OFFENSE DEFINED.—In this section,
11 the term “covered offense” means—

12 (1) an offense under section 1347 of title 18,
13 United States Code; and

14 (2) an offense under section 1128B of the So-
15 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a–7b).

16 (b) REVIEW.—Pursuant to its authority under sec-
17 tion 994(p) of title 28, United States Code, the United
18 States Sentencing Commission shall review and, if appro-
19 priate, amend its guidelines and its policy statements ap-
20 plicable to persons convicted of a covered offense.

21 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out this section,
22 the United States Sentencing Commission shall—

23 (1) ensure that the sentencing guidelines and
24 policy statements reflect the seriousness of covered
25 offenses, the growing incidence of covered offenses,

1 and the need for an effective deterrent and appro-
2 priate punishment to prevent covered offenses;

3 (2) consider relevant factors and the extent to
4 which the guidelines may or may not account for
5 those factors, including—

6 (A) the potential and actual loss resulting
7 from the covered offense, including the quali-
8 tative impact of the loss on each victim of the
9 covered offense;

10 (B) the level of sophistication and planning
11 involved in the covered offense;

12 (C) whether the covered offense was com-
13 mitted for purposes of commercial advantage or
14 private financial benefit;

15 (D) whether, in committing the covered of-
16 fense, the defendant acted with intent to cause
17 harm, including physical, psychological, and
18 emotional harm;

19 (E) the extent to which the covered offense
20 resulted in the unauthorized disclosure of per-
21 sonal health information or violated the privacy
22 rights of individuals harmed;

23 (F) whether the violation was intended to
24 create or had the effect of creating a threat to

1 public health or safety or a threat of injury to
2 any person; and

3 (G) the role of the defendant in the cov-
4 ered offense and the duration of the covered of-
5 fense;

6 (3) ensure reasonable consistency with other
7 relevant directives and with other sentencing guide-
8 lines;

9 (4) account for any additional aggravating or
10 mitigating circumstances that might justify excep-
11 tions to the generally applicable sentencing ranges;

12 (5) make any necessary conforming changes to
13 the sentencing guidelines; and

14 (6) ensure that the guidelines adequately meet
15 the purposes of sentencing as set forth in section
16 3553(a)(2) of title 18, United States Code.

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