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# H. R. 8823

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 14, 2026

Mr. MACKENZIE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Putting Patients First  
5 by Strengthening Provider Accountability in FECA Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FRAUD CONVICTIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8103 of title 5, United  
8 States Code, is amended—

1           (1) in subsection (a), by striking “These ex-  
2           penses” and inserting “Subject to subsection (c),  
3           these expenses”;

4           (2) in subsection (b), by striking “The Sec-  
5           retary, under” and inserting “Subject to subsection  
6           (c), the Secretary, under”; and

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

8           “(c)(1) The Secretary of Labor may suspend pay-  
9           ments to a provider of services, appliances, or supplies fur-  
10          nished pursuant to subsection (a), or vouchers or certifi-  
11          cations described in subsection (b) for the expenses in-  
12          curred by the employing agency with respect to such a  
13          provider, if the provider has been convicted of fraud with  
14          respect to—

15               “(A) this subchapter;

16               “(B) any Federal health care benefit program  
17               (as defined in section 24 of title 18, United States  
18               Code); or

19               “(C) any State program for which payments  
20               are made to providers for services, appliances, or  
21               supplies similar to such services, appliances, or sup-  
22               plies provided pursuant to this subchapter.

23          “(2) The Secretary shall promulgate regulations to  
24          carry out this subsection.”.

1       (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
2 this Act shall apply to payments made to a provider of  
3 services, appliances, or supplies on or after the date that  
4 is 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

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