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S. 5314

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. ERNST introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “No Cash for Cohabi-
5 tating Kins of Crooks Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN FEDERAL PRO-**
7 **GRAMS.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) COVERED PERSON.—The term “covered
10 person” means an individual or entity that—

1 (A) owns a terminated provider;

2 (B) resides with the owner of a terminated
3 provider; or

4 (C) is the spouse of the owner of a termi-
5 nated provider.

6 (2) SPOUSE.—The term “spouse” does not in-
7 clude an individual who—

8 (A) is living apart from the individual’s
9 spouse as of the last day of the most recent tax-
10 able year; and

11 (B) is a survivor of domestic abuse com-
12 mitted by the individual’s spouse or of spousal
13 abandonment by the individual’s current
14 spouse.

15 (3) TERMINATED PROVIDER.—The term “ter-
16 minated provider” means a former contractor or
17 provider of a service under a Federal program, the
18 contract for the provision of which the Federal Gov-
19 ernment terminated as a result of fraud or a crimi-
20 nal conviction.

21 (b) PROHIBITION.—A covered person may not enter
22 into a contract with the Federal Government, receive a
23 grant, loan, subaward, or reimbursement from the Federal
24 Government, or enter into any other financial transaction

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- 1 for goods or services paid for in part or full by the Federal
- 2 Government.

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