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# H. R. 1603

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 14, 1997

Mr. KANJORSKI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Ways and Means

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. CERTAIN INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED AT**  
2 **LEAST ONCE WITHOUT CHARGE.**

3 Subsection (c) of section 1106 of the Social Security  
4 Act is amended to read as follows:

5 “(c) Notwithstanding sections 552 and 552a of title  
6 5, United States Code, or any other provision of law,  
7 whenever the Secretary determines—

8 “(1) that a request for any type of information  
9 is made in order to assist a party in interest (as de-  
10 fined in section 3 of the Employee Retirement In-  
11 come Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 102)) with re-  
12 spect to the administration of an employee benefit  
13 plan (as so defined) and that information of such  
14 type has previously been provided by the Secretary  
15 pursuant to a request made in order to so assist  
16 such party in interest, or

17 “(2) that a request for information is made for  
18 any purpose (other than a purpose described in  
19 paragraph (1)) which is not directly related to the  
20 administration of the program or programs under  
21 this Act to which such information relates,  
22 the Secretary may require the requestor to pay the full  
23 cost, as determined by the Secretary, of providing such  
24 information.”.

1 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2       The amendment made by section 1 shall apply with  
3 respect to information requested on or after the date of  
4 the enactment of this Act.

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