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# H. R. 5500

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Government Reform, Ways and Means, and Energy and Commerce, 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

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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 “What’s Good for Sen-  
5 iors is Good for the Congress Health Coverage Act of  
6 2002”.

1 **SEC. 2. INELIGIBILITY FOR COVERAGE UNDER THE FED-**  
2 **ERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS PRO-**  
3 **GRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Effective as of the first day of the  
5 first year beginning at least 3 months after the date of  
6 the enactment of this Act—

7 (1) section 8901 of title 5, United States Code,  
8 is amended by repealing subparagraph (B) of para-  
9 graph (1); and

10 (2) except as provided in subsection (b), no in-  
11 dividual shall be eligible for any health service or  
12 supply (or for any payment or reimbursement there-  
13 for) under chapter 89 of such title, if—

14 (A) such service or supply is furnished on  
15 or after such first day; and

16 (B) eligibility would be under coverage ob-  
17 tained by a Member of Congress (as defined by  
18 section 2106 of such title).

19 (b) TEMPORARY CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE.—An  
20 individual who, on the day before subsection (a) takes ef-  
21 fect, is enrolled in a health benefits plan under chapter  
22 89 of title 5, United States Code, by virtue of satisfying  
23 the provision of law repealed by subsection (a)(1) shall,  
24 for purposes of sections 8902(g), 8905a, and 8913(c) of  
25 such title, be treated as if involuntarily separated from  
26 Government service as the close of such day.

1 **SEC. 3. ELIGIBILITY FOR COVERAGE UNDER THE MEDI-**  
2 **CARE PROGRAM.**

3       Notwithstanding any other provision of law, effective  
4 as of the first day of the first year beginning at least 3  
5 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, any  
6 individual who is disqualified from eligibility for coverage  
7 under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, as a re-  
8 sult of the operation of section 2 shall be deemed to be  
9 described in section 226(a) of the Social Security Act and  
10 to meet the conditions described in subsection (a)(2) of  
11 such section and, thereby, to be entitled to benefits under  
12 part A, and eligible to enroll under part B, of title XVIII  
13 of the Social Security Act.

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