108TH CONGRESS
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S. 2226

To extend the period for COBRA coverage for recipients of trade adjustment
assistance.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 23, 2004

Mr. CORZINE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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A BILL

To extend the period for COBRA coverage for recipients
of trade adjustment assistance.

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. EXTENSION OF COBRA COVERAGE PERIOD FOR**

4   **TAA-ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.**

5   (a) ERISA.—Section 605(b) of the Employee Retire-

6 ment Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1165(b))

7 is amended—

8   (1) in the subsection heading, by inserting

9   ''AND COVERAGE'' after ''ELECTION''; and

10   (2) in paragraph (2)—

1   (A) in the paragraph heading, by inserting

2   "AND PERIOD" after "COMMENCEMENT";

3   (B) by striking "and shall" and inserting

4   ", shall"; and

5   (C) by inserting ", and in no event shall

6   the maximum period required under section

7   602(2)(A) be less than the period during which

8   the individual is a TAA-eligible individual" be-

9   fore the period at the end.

10   (b) INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.—Section

11 4980B(f)(5)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is

12 amended—

13   (1) in the subparagraph heading, by inserting

14   "AND COVERAGE" after "ELECTION"; and

15   (2) in clause (ii)—

16   (A) in the clause heading, by inserting

17   "AND PERIOD" after "COMMENCEMENT";

18   (B) by striking "and shall" and inserting

19   ", shall"; and

20   (C) by inserting ", and in no event shall

21   the maximum period required under paragraph

22   (2)(B)(i) be less than the period during which

23   the individual is a TAA-eligible individual" be-

24   fore the period at the end.

1   (c) PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT.—Section

2 2205(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.

3 300bb–5(b)) is amended—

4   (1) in the subsection heading, by inserting

5   "AND COVERAGE" after "ELECTION"; and

6   (2) in paragraph (2)—

7   (A) in the paragraph heading, by inserting

8   "AND PERIOD" after "COMMENCEMENT";

9   (B) by striking "and shall" and inserting

10   ", shall"; and

11   (C) by inserting ", and in no event shall

12   the maximum period required under section

13   2202(2)(A) be less than the period during

14   which the individual is a TAA-eligible indi-

15   vidual" before the period at the end.

16   (d) RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amend-

17 ments made by this section shall take effect as if included

18 in the enactment of the Trade Act of 2002 (Public Law

19 107–210; 116 Stat. 933).

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