

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2234

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure that prescription drug card sponsors pass along discounts to beneficiaries under the medicare prescription drug discount card and transitional assistance program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 25, 2004

Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. REED, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KOHL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. REID, and Mr. DODD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Drug Discount Card
5 Improvement Act of 2004”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENSURING THAT PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARD SPON-**
2 **SORS PASS ALONG DISCOUNTS TO BENE-**
3 **FICIARIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1860D–31(e)(1)(A)(ii) of
5 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–
6 141(e)(1)(A)(ii)), as added by section 101 of the Medicare
7 Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act
8 of 2003 (Public Law 108–173; 117 Stat. 2071), is amend-
9 ed by striking “take into account” and inserting “reflect
10 at least 90 percent of all”.

11 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
12 this section shall take effect as if included in the enact-
13 ment of section 101 of the Medicare Prescription Drug,
14 Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law
15 108–173; 117 Stat. 2066).

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