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H. R. 3940

To extend implementation of the Medicare prescription drug program, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2005

Mr. PRICE of Georgia (for himself and Mr. KLINE) introduced the following
bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and
in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be sub-
sequently 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

To extend implementation of the Medicare prescription drug
program, and for other purposes.

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 "Ensure Prescription

5   Drug Coverage Act of 2005".

6   **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEDI-**

7   **CARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM.**

8   (a) LENGTHENING THE INITIAL ENROLLMENT PE-

9   RIOD.—

1   (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1860D–1(b)(2)(A)

2 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–

3 101(b)(2)(A)) is amended by inserting before the pe-

4 riod at the end the following: ", except that such pe-

5 riod shall continue through June 30, 2007".

6   (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO

7 MEDICAREADVANTAGE PROGRAM.—Section 1851(e)

8 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–21(e)) is amended—

9   (A) in paragraph (2), by striking "2005",

10 "2006", and "2007" and inserting "2007",

11 "2008", and "2009", respectively, each place

12 each appears;

13   (B) in paragraph (3)(B)—

14   (i) in clause (ii), by striking "and

15   2005" and inserting "2005, 2006, and

16   2007";

17   (ii) in clause (iii), by striking "2005"

18   and "2006" and inserting "2007" and

19   "2008", respectively, each place each ap-

20   pears; and

21   (iii) in clause (iv), by striking "2007"

22   and inserting "2009"; and

23   (C) in paragraph (4), by striking "2006"

24 and inserting "2008" each place it appears.

1   (b) Continuation of Medicare Drug Discount

2 Card and Transitional Assistance Program.—Sec-

3 tion 1860D–31 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1305w–141) is

4 amended—

5   (1) in subsection (a)(2)(C), by striking "De-

6   cember 31, 2005" and "January 1, 2006" and in-

7   serting "December 31, 2007" and "January 1,

8   2008", respectively, each place each appears;

9   (2) in subsection (c)(1)(A)(ii), by striking "Jan-

10   uary 1, 2006" and inserting "January 1, 2008";

11   (3) in subsection (c)(1)(C)(ii)—

12   (A) in the heading, by striking "2005" in

13   the heading and inserting "2007";

14   (B) by inserting ", 2005, or 2006" after

15   "2004"; and

16   (C) by striking "for 2005" and inserting

17   "for the subsequent year";

18   (4) in subsection (c)(2)(A), by striking "for ei-

19   ther 2004 or 2005" and inserting "for any year"

20   and by striking the second sentence;

21   (5) in subsection (g)(2)(A)—

22   (A) in clause (ii), by inserting "2006, or

23   2007," after "2005,";

24   (B) by striking "for 2004" and inserting

25   "for the previous year"; and

1   (C) by striking ''during 2004'' and insert-

2   ing ''during such previous year'';

3   (6) in subsection (g)(2)(B)(ii)(II)—

4   (A) by inserting ''2006, or 2007,'' after

5   ''2005,''; and

6   (B) by striking ''February 15, 2005'' and

7   inserting ''February 15 of that year''; and

8   (7) in subsection (g)(2)(D), by striking ''2005''

9 and inserting ''2007, or after the effective date of

10 enrollment for benefits under section 1860D–1''.

11 (c) CONFORMING EXTENSION OF MEDIGAP PRO-

12 GRAM.—Section 1882(v)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C.

13 1395ss(v)(1)) is amended by striking ''2006'' and insert-

14 ing ''2008'' each place it appears.

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