

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 580

To provide greater health care freedom for seniors.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 2, 2005

Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. JONES of North Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on 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 “Seniors’ Health Care  
5       Freedom Act of 2005”.

6       **SEC. 2. FACILITATING THE USE OF PRIVATE CONTRACTS**  
7                               **UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

8       Section 1802(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
9       1395a(b)) is amended by striking paragraph (3) and by

1 redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) as paragraphs (3)  
2 and (4), respectively.

3 **SEC. 3. NO ELIGIBILITY CONDITION BASED ON REFUSAL TO**  
4 **PARTICIPATE IN A GOVERNMENT PROGRAM.**

5 No persons otherwise eligible for old-age benefits  
6 under Social Security shall be denied such benefits be-  
7 cause of their voluntary refusal to participate in any part  
8 of the Medicare program.

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