## S. 2687

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

May 1, 2006

Ms. Stabenow (for herself and Mr. Kennedy) 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 "Keep the Promise of
- 5 Medicare Act of 2006".
- 6 SEC. 2. STABILIZATION OF MEDICARE PART B PREMIUM.
- 7 Section 1839(a)(3) of the Social Security Act (42
- 8 U.S.C. 1395r(a)(3)) is amended by adding at the end the
- 9 following new sentence: "Notwithstanding the preceding
- 10 sentences, the monthly premium rate determined under

- 1 this paragraph for each month in 2007 may not exceed
- 2 an amount equal to the monthly premium rate determined
- 3 under this paragraph for each month in 2006 adjusted
- 4 by the percentage change in the average Consumer Price
- 5 Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers
- 6 (CPI–W) for the third quarter of 2005 to the third quar-

7 ter of 2006.".

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