109TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

S. 2915

To amend title 10, United States Code, to improve screening for colorectal cancer for TRICARE beneficiaries over the age of 50.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

May 19, 2006

Mr. Biden introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. ENHANCEMENT OF COLORECTAL CANCER
- 4 SCREENING FOR TRICARE BENEFICIARIES
- 5 **OVER AGE 50.**
- 6 (a) In General.—Subsection (a) of section 1074d
- 7 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at
- 8 the end the following new paragraph:
- 9 "(3) Members and former members of the uniformed
- 10 services described in paragraph (1) or (2) who are 50

- 1 years of age or older shall also be entitled to the colorectal
- 2 cancer screening tests described in section 1861(pp)(1) of
- 3 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1935x(pp)(1)) with
- 4 such frequency as tests for which payment would be au-
- 5 thorized under section 1834(d) of that Act (42 U.S.C.
- 6 1935m(d)) without regard to whether such members or
- 7 former members are at high risk for colorectal cancer (as
- 8 described in section 1861(pp)(2) of that Act) or have oth-
- 9 erwise previously exhibited any symptom of or associated
- 10 with colorectal cancer.".
- 11 (b) Conforming Amendment.—Subsection (b)(8)
- 12 of such section is amended by striking "subsection (a)(2)"
- 13 and inserting "paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (a)".

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