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To extend the temporary increase in payments under the medicare program for home health services furnished in a rural area.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 7, 2005

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BURNS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BOND, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SANTORUM, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. LEAHY) 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 “Medicare Rural Home
5 Health Payment Fairness Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY MEDICARE**
2 **PAYMENT INCREASE FOR HOME HEALTH**
3 **SERVICES FURNISHED IN A RURAL AREA.**

4 Section 421 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Im-
5 provement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (42 U.S.C.
6 1395fff note) is amended—

7 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**ONE-**
8 **YEAR**” and inserting “**TEMPORARY**”; and

9 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “2005” and
10 inserting “2007”.

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