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# S. 3130

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 16, 2010

Mr. BENNET introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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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 “Stop Congressional  
5       Health Benefits Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISQUALIFICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN FED-**  
2 **ERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS PLANS.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

4 (1) HEALTH CARE REFORM LEGISLATION.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “health care  
6 reform legislation” means comprehensive health  
7 care reform legislation that provides citizens  
8 and nationals of the United States, and aliens  
9 lawfully present in the United States, access to  
10 quality, affordable health care.

11 (B) PRINCIPLES OF HEALTH CARE RE-  
12 FORM.—Health care reform legislation de-  
13 scribed in subparagraph (A) shall incorporate  
14 the following principles:

15 (i) Ending the denial of coverage to  
16 individuals with preexisting conditions.

17 (ii) Protecting guaranteed Medicare  
18 benefits for seniors.

19 (iii) Reducing premium costs for fami-  
20 lies and small businesses.

21 (iv) Providing Americans access to the  
22 same insurance choices as Members of  
23 Congress.

24 (v) Ensuring that new and expanded  
25 programs are paid for and do not add to  
26 the Federal deficit.

1           (2) MEMBER OF CONGRESS.—The term “Mem-  
2       ber of Congress” means any member of the House  
3       of Representatives or the Senate.

4       (b) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
5       sion of law and except as provided under subsection (b),  
6       a Member of Congress may not participate in or be en-  
7       rolled in any Federal employees health benefits plan under  
8       chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, during the pe-  
9       riod beginning on July 1, 2010, through the date on which  
10      the Comptroller General of the United States submits a  
11      report described under subsection (d).

12      (c) INITIAL DETERMINATION AND REPORT.—

13           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than June 30,  
14      2010, the Comptroller General of the United States  
15      shall—

16           (A) make a determination of whether or  
17           not health care reform legislation has been en-  
18           acted; and

19           (B) submit a report to the Office of Per-  
20           sonnel Management, Secretary of the Senate,  
21           and the Chief Administrative Officer of the  
22           House of Representatives on that determina-  
23           tion.

24           (2) ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION.—If the re-  
25      port under paragraph (1) states that health care re-

1 form legislation has been enacted, subsection (b)  
2 shall not take effect.

3 (d) SUBSEQUENT REPORT.—Whenever after July 1,  
4 2010, the Comptroller General of the United States makes  
5 a determination that health care reform legislation has  
6 been enacted, the Comptroller General of the United  
7 States shall submit a report to the Office of Personnel  
8 Management, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Chief  
9 Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives of  
10 that determination.

11 (e) OPEN ENROLLMENT.—The Office of Personnel  
12 Management shall provide for a period of open enrollment  
13 for Members of Congress beginning on the earliest admin-  
14 istratively feasible pay period following the date on which  
15 the Comptroller General of the United States submits a  
16 report under subsection (d).

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