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H. R. 1285

To amend title 10, United States Code, to prohibit certain increases in fees for military health care before fiscal year 2014.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 31, 2011

Mrs. BACHMANN introduced the following bill; which was 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Military Health Care
5 Affordability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

8 (1) America’s warriors offer a life of supreme
9 devotion in service to their Nation, and through gen-
10 erations of war-fighting, their dedication has proven

1 honorable, their sacrifice immeasurable, and their
2 record of excellence undeniable.

3 (2) No American goes to war alone—the bur-
4 den of every Soldier, Sailor, Airman, and Marine is
5 shared, in part, by all of his or her loved ones.

6 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
7 gress that—

8 (1) so long as the United States sends men and
9 women into battle, the United States will be faithful
10 to care for them upon their return;

11 (2) as the veteran answered the call of duty, so
12 too, is the United States duty-bound to answer the
13 call of the veteran;

14 (3) the Department of Defense and the Depart-
15 ment of Veterans Affairs have the tools and inge-
16 nuity to provide continued excellent health care with-
17 out increasing TRICARE payments from the vet-
18 eran before fiscal year 2014; and

19 (4) in the words of President Abraham Lincoln,
20 “let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind
21 up the nation’s wounds, to care for him who shall
22 have borne the battle and for his widow and his or-
23 phan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just
24 and lasting peace among ourselves and with all na-
25 tions.”.

1 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON INCREASES OF CERTAIN HEALTH**
2 **COSTS AND RESTRICTIONS ON HEALTH BEN-**
3 **EFIT ADJUSTMENTS FOR MEMBERS AND RE-**
4 **TIREES OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES AND**
5 **THEIR DEPENDENTS.**

6 (a) PROHIBITION ON INCREASE IN CHARGES UNDER
7 CONTRACTS FOR MEDICAL CARE.—Section 1097(e) of
8 title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “Sep-
9 tember 30, 2011” and inserting “September 30, 2013”.

10 (b) PROHIBITION ON INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF COST
11 SHARING REQUIREMENT UNDER PHARMACY BENEFITS
12 PROGRAM.—Section 1074g(a)(6)(A) of title 10, United
13 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
14 lowing: “The dollar amount of a cost sharing requirement
15 (whether established as a percentage or a fixed dollar
16 amount) may not be increased during the period beginning
17 on October 1, 2011, and ending on September 30, 2013.”.

18 (c) PROHIBITION ON INCREASE IN CHARGES FOR IN-
19 PATIENT CARE.—Section 1086(b)(3) of title 10, United
20 States Code, is amended by striking “September 30,
21 2011” and inserting “September 30, 2013”.

22 (d) PROHIBITION ON INCREASE IN PREMIUMS
23 UNDER TRICARE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS
24 IN THE SELECTED RESERVE.—Section 1076d(d)(3) of
25 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “The
2 monthly” and inserting “Except as provided by sub-
3 paragraph (C), the monthly”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following new
5 paragraph:

6 “(C) During the period beginning on October 1,
7 2011, and ending on September 30, 2013, the monthly
8 amount of the premium for TRICARE Standard coverage
9 under this section may not be increased to be more than
10 the amount in effect for the month of September 2011.”.

11 (e) PROHIBITION ON INCREASE IN PREMIUMS
12 UNDER TRICARE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS
13 OF THE RETIRED RESERVE.—Section 1076e(d) of title
14 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
15 the following new paragraph:

16 “(6) During the period beginning on October 1, 2011,
17 and ending on September 30, 2013, the monthly amount
18 of the premium for TRICARE Standard coverage under
19 this section may not be increased to be more than the
20 amount in effect for the month of September 2011.”.

21 (f) PROHIBITION ON INCREASE IN PREMIUMS UNDER
22 TRICARE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN DEPENDENTS.—
23 Section 1110b(e) of title 10, United States Code, is
24 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
25 graph:

1 “(5) During the period beginning on October 1, 2011,
2 and ending on September 30, 2013, the monthly amount
3 of the premium for coverage under the TRICARE pro-
4 gram provided pursuant to this section may not be in-
5 creased to be more than the amount in effect for the
6 month of September 2011.”.

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