

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3696

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prevent Medicare part B premium and deductible increases for 2016.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 7, 2015

Ms. TITUS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 Premium
5 Fairness Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. PREVENTING MEDICARE PART B PREMIUM AND DE-**
7 **DUCTIBLE INCREASES FOR 2016.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1839(a) of the Social Se-
9 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395r(a)) is amended—

1 (1) in the second sentence of paragraph (1), by
2 striking “Such” and inserting “Subject to paragraph
3 (5), such”; and

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

6 “(5) In applying this part (including subsection (i)
7 and section 1833(b)), the monthly actuarial rate for en-
8 rollees age 65 and over for 2016 shall be equal to the
9 monthly actuarial rate for such enrollees for 2015.”.

10 (b) CONFORMING FUNDING.—Section 1844(a) of the
11 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w(a)) is amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at
13 the end and inserting “; plus”; and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(4) a Government contribution equal to, as es-
16 timated by the Chief Actuary of the Centers for
17 Medicare & Medicaid Services, the reduction in ag-
18 gregate premiums payable for a month under this
19 part that is attributable to the application of section
20 1839(a)(5) with respect to—

21 “(A) enrollees age 65 and over; and

22 “(B) enrollees under age 65.

23 In applying paragraph (1), the government contribution
24 under paragraph (4) with respect to enrollees described
25 in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of such paragraph (4) shall

1 be treated as premiums payable and deposited in the
2 Trust Fund under subparagraphs (A) and (B), respec-
3 tively, of paragraph (1).”.

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