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To amend title XVIII to provide for the application of a consistent Medicare part B premium for all Medicare beneficiaries in a budget neutral manner for 2010.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. TITUS (for herself, Mr. STARK, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. DINGELL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARROW, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mrs. CAPPS, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. CROWLEY, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. GORDON of Tennessee, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut, Mr. PASCARELL, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. RUSH, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. STUPAK, Ms. SUTTON, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WEINER, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. YARMUTH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Premium
3 Fairness Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE PART B PREMIUM FOR 2010.**

5 (a) PREMIUM COMPUTATION.—Section 1839 of the
6 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395r) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
8 following new paragraph:

9 “(5) The monthly premium under this subsection for
10 2010 shall be the monthly premium under this subsection
11 for 2009.”; and

12 (2) in subsection (i)(3)(A), by adding after and
13 below clause (ii) the following:

14 “In applying clause (ii) for 2010, the monthly
15 actuarial rate described in such clause shall be
16 such monthly actuarial rate for 2009.”.

17 (b) OFFSET FROM MEDICARE IMPROVEMENT
18 FUND.—Section 1898(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
19 1395iii(b)) is amended—

20 (1) in paragraph (1)—

21 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking the
22 semicolon at the end and inserting the fol-
23 lowing: “, reduced by the sum of—

24 “(i) the amount transferred under
25 paragraph (5); and

26 “(ii) \$567,000,000;”;

1 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as
2 subparagraph (C); and

3 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (A)
4 the following new subparagraph:

5 “(B) fiscal year 2015, the amount speci-
6 fied in subparagraph (A)(ii); and”;

7 (2) by adding at the end the following new
8 paragraph:

9 “(5) TRANSFER AND OFFSET.—There are here-
10 by transferred from amounts in the general fund of
11 the Treasury to the Federal Supplementary Medical
12 Insurance Trust Fund an amount equivalent, as es-
13 timated by the Chief Actuary of the Centers for
14 Medicare & Medicaid Services, to the aggregate re-
15 duction in premiums payable under part B that re-
16 sult from the application of paragraph (5) of section
17 1839(a) and the last sentence of section
18 1839(i)(3)(A).”.