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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 2527

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 16 (legislative day, MAY 9), 2002

Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

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## A BILL

To provide for health benefits coverage under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, for individuals enrolled in a plan administered by the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and for other purposes.

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. CONTINUATION OF HEALTH BENEFITS COV-**  
4                               **ERAGE FOR INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN A**  
5                               **PLAN ADMINISTERED BY THE OVERSEAS PRI-**  
6                               **VATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION.**

7               (a) ENROLLMENT IN CHAPTER 89 PLAN.—For pur-  
8       poses of the administration of chapter 89 of title 5, United

1 States Code, any period of enrollment under a health bene-  
 2 fits plan administered by the Overseas Private Investment  
 3 Corporation before the effective date of this Act shall be  
 4 deemed to be a period of enrollment in a health benefits  
 5 plan under chapter 89 of such title.

6 (b) CONTINUED COVERAGE.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any individual who, on June  
 8 30, 2002, is covered by a health benefits plan ad-  
 9 ministered by the Overseas Private Investment Cor-  
 10 poration may enroll in an approved health benefits  
 11 plan described under section 8903 or 8903a of title  
 12 5, United States Code—

13 (A) either as an individual or for self and  
 14 family, if such individual is an employee, annu-  
 15 itant, or former spouse as defined under section  
 16 8901 of such title; and

17 (B) for coverage effective on and after  
 18 June 30, 2002.

19 (2) INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY UNDER CONTIN-  
 20 UED COVERAGE.—An individual who, on June 30,  
 21 2002, is entitled to continued coverage under a  
 22 health benefits plan administered by the Overseas  
 23 Private Investment Corporation—

24 (A) shall be deemed to be entitled to con-  
 25 tinued coverage under section 8905a of title 5,

1 United States Code, for the same period that  
2 would have been permitted under the plan ad-  
3 ministered by the Overseas Private Investment  
4 Corporation; and

5 (B) may enroll in an approved health bene-  
6 fits plan described under section 8903 or 8903a  
7 of such title in accordance with section 8905a  
8 of such title for coverage effective on and after  
9 June 30, 2002.

10 (3) UNMARRIED DEPENDENT CHILDREN.—An  
11 individual who, on June 30, 2002, is covered as an  
12 unmarried dependent child under a health benefits  
13 plan administered by the Overseas Private Invest-  
14 ment Corporation and who is not a member of fam-  
15 ily as defined under section 8901(5) of title 5,  
16 United States Code—

17 (A) shall be deemed to be entitled to con-  
18 tinued coverage under section 8905a of such  
19 title as though the individual had, on June 30,  
20 2002, ceased to meet the requirements for  
21 being considered an unmarried dependent child  
22 under chapter 89 of such title; and

23 (B) may enroll in an approved health bene-  
24 fits plan described under section 8903 or 8903a  
25 of such title in accordance with section 8905a

1           for continued coverage effective on and after  
2           June 30, 2002.

3           (c) TRANSFERS TO THE EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENE-  
4           FITS FUND.—

5           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Overseas Private In-  
6           vestment Corporation shall transfer to the Employ-  
7           ees Health Benefits Fund established under section  
8           8909 of title 5, United States Code, amounts deter-  
9           mined by the Director of the Office of Personnel  
10          Management, after consultation with the Overseas  
11          Private Investment Corporation, to be necessary to  
12          reimburse the Fund for the cost of providing bene-  
13          fits under this section not otherwise paid for by the  
14          individuals covered by this section.

15          (2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—The amounts  
16          transferred under paragraph (1) shall be held in the  
17          Fund and used by the Office in addition to amounts  
18          available under section 8906(g)(1) of title 5, United  
19          States Code.

20          (d) ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATIONS.—The Of-  
21          fice of Personnel Management—

22                 (1) shall administer this section to provide  
23                 for—

24                         (A) a period of notice and open enrollment  
25                         for individuals affected by this section; and

1           (B) no lapse of health coverage for individ-  
2           uals who enroll in a health benefits plan under  
3           chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, in ac-  
4           cordance with this section; and  
5           (2) may prescribe regulations to implement this  
6           section.

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