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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the availability of the refundable tax credit for health insurance costs of eligible individuals and to extend the steel import licensing and monitoring program.

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MAY 7, 2003

Mr. VISCLOSKY (for himself, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. QUINN, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. NEY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. LAHOOD, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. HART, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. SPRATT, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. FROST, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. WYNN, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. OLVER, Mr. BACA, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. NORTON, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. MATHESON, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. REYES, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. EVANS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. FILNER, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. KILPATRICK, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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insurance costs of eligible individuals and to extend the steel import licensing and monitoring program.

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 “Health Care Tax Cred-
 5 it Enhancement for Workers and Steel Security Act of
 6 2003”.

7 **SEC. 2. HEALTH CARE TAX CREDIT ENHANCEMENT.**

8 (a) DECREASE IN AGE ELIGIBILITY REQUIRE-
 9 MENT.—Subparagraph (A) of section 35(c)(4) of the In-
 10 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 (defining eligible PBGC pen-
 11 sion recipient) is amended by striking “age 55” and in-
 12 serting “age 50”.

13 (b) REPEAL OF 3-MONTH REQUIREMENT OF EXIST-
 14 ING COVERAGE.—Clause (i) of section 35(e)(2)(B) of such
 15 Code (defining qualifying individual) is amended by strik-
 16 ing “9801(c)” and inserting “9801(c) (prior to the em-
 17 ployment separation necessary to attain the status of an
 18 eligible individual)”.

19 (c) ELIGIBILITY OF SPOUSE OF CERTAIN INDIVID-
 20 UALS ENTITLED TO MEDICARE.—Subsection (b) of sec-
 21 tion 35 of such Code (defining eligible coverage month)
 22 is amended by adding at the end the following:

23 “(3) SPECIAL RULE FOR SPOUSE OF INDI-
 24 VIDUAL ENTITLED TO MEDICARE.—Any month

1 which would be an eligible coverage month with re-
2 spect to a taxpayer (determined without regard to
3 subsection (f)(2)(A)) shall be an eligible coverage
4 month for any spouse of such taxpayer.”.

5 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
6 this section shall apply as if included in the amendments
7 made by section 201 of the Trade Adjustment Assistance
8 Reform Act of 2002.

9 **SEC. 3. MAINTENANCE OF STEEL IMPORT LICENSING AND**
10 **MONITORING PROGRAM.**

11 (a) MAINTENANCE OF PROGRAM.—The steel import
12 licensing and monitoring program established by the Sec-
13 retary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce
14 pursuant to the Memorandum signed by the President on
15 March 5, 2002 (67 Fed. Reg. 10593 through 10597) (pur-
16 suant to the authority of the President under section
17 203(g) of the Trade Act of 1974), shall, notwithstanding
18 any other action taken by the President under section 203
19 of the Trade Act of 1974 concerning the steel products
20 described in the Memorandum, remain in effect until not
21 later than March 6, 2010. In carrying out the program
22 in accordance with the preceding sentence, the Secretary
23 of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce shall ex-
24 pand the program to include all iron and steel, and all

1 articles of iron or steel, described in chapters 72 and 73
2 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

3 (b) ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of the
4 Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce are hereby au-
5 thorized and directed to take such actions as are necessary
6 to maintain or expand as necessary and appropriate the
7 operation of the program described in subsection (a).

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