^{108th CONGRESS} 2D SESSION **S. 2126**

To amend part C of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prohibit the comparative cost adjustment (CCA) program from operating in the State of North Carolina.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 25, 2004

Mr. EDWARDS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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. PROHIBITION ON OPERATION OF MEDICARE4COMPARATIVE COST ADJUSTMENT (CCA)

PROGRAM IN NORTH CAROLINA.

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6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1860C–1(b) of the Social
7 Security Act, as added by section 241 of the Medicare Pre8 scription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of

2003 (Public Law 108–173), is amended by adding at the
 end the following:

3 "(3) NO CCA AREAS WITHIN NORTH CARO4 LINA.—A CCA area shall not include an MSA any
5 portion of which is within the State of North Caro6 lina.".

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
8 this section shall take effect as if included in the enact9 ment of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement,
10 and Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–173).

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