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S. 2780

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to stabilize the amount of the medicare part B premium.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. DAYTON, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. REID, and Mr. LEAHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Keep the Promise of
3 Medicare Act of 2004”.

4 SEC. 2. STABILIZATION OF MEDICARE PART B PREMIUM.

5 Section 1839(a)(3) of the Social Security Act (42
6 U.S.C. 1395r(a)(3)) is amended by adding at the end the
7 following new sentence: “Notwithstanding the preceding
8 sentences, the monthly premium rate determined under
9 this paragraph for each month in 2005 may not exceed

1 an amount equal to the monthly premium rate determined
2 under this paragraph for each month in 2004 adjusted
3 by the percentage change in the average Consumer Price
4 Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers
5 (CPI-W) for the third quarter of 2003 to the third quar-
6 ter of 2004.”.

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