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# H. R. 5087

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 4, 2006

Mr. PALLONE (for himself and Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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## 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. INCREASING THE MAXIMUM AGE FOR HEALTH**  
4                    **COVERAGE ELIGIBILITY AS A DEPENDENT**  
5                    **CHILD.**

6        (a) IN GENERAL.—Sections 8901(5) and  
7 8905(c)(2)(B) of title 5, United States Code, are amended  
8 by striking “22” each place it appears and inserting “30”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
2 subsection (a)—

3 (1) shall take effect as of the first day of the  
4 first contract year beginning at least 12 months  
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, except  
6 as provided in paragraph (2); and

7 (2) shall be implemented by the Office of Per-  
8 sonnel Management in a manner so as to provide for  
9 a period of notice and open enrollment (before the  
10 start of the first contract year referred to in para-  
11 graph (1)) for individuals affected by this section.

12 (c) SAVINGS PROVISION.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section shall,  
14 in the case of any individual who (if this section had  
15 not been enacted) would or might otherwise have  
16 been eligible for continued coverage under section  
17 8905a of title 5, United States Code, based on a  
18 qualifying event preceding the start of the first con-  
19 tract year referred to in subsection (b)(1), be consid-  
20 ered to require the discontinuation of any such cov-  
21 erage (or the disqualification of such individual for  
22 any such coverage) if such coverage is (or would be)  
23 based, in whole or in part, on such event.

24 (2) QUALIFYING EVENT DEFINED.—For pur-  
25 poses of this subsection, the term “qualifying event”

1 means, with respect to an individual, any event the  
2 occurrence of which would make such individual eli-  
3 gible for continued coverage under section 8905a of  
4 title 5, United States Code (as last in effect before  
5 the start of the first contract year referred to in  
6 subsection (b)(1)) by virtue of satisfying the condi-  
7 tion described in subsection (b)(2)(A) of such section  
8 (as then in effect).

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