### **109TH CONGRESS** H.R.580 **1st Session**

To provide greater health care freedom for seniors.

# IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 2, 2005

Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. JONES of North Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

# **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. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Seniors' Health Care 4

5 Freedom Act of 2005".

## SEC. 2. FACILITATING THE USE OF PRIVATE CONTRACTS 6 7

UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.

8 Section 1802(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.

9 1395a(b)) is amended by striking paragraph (3) and by redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) as paragraphs (3)
 and (4), respectively.

# 3 SEC. 3. NO ELIGIBILITY CONDITION BASED ON REFUSAL TO 4 PARTICIPATE IN A GOVERNMENT PROGRAM.

5 No persons otherwise eligible for old-age benefits 6 under Social Security shall be denied such benefits be-7 cause of their voluntary refusal to participate in any part 8 of the Medicare program.

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