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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure that benefits under part D of such title have no impact on benefits under other Federal programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 7, 2005

Mr. KENNEDY 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. BENEFITS UNDER THE MEDICARE DRUG PRO-**
4 **GRAM HAVE NO IMPACT UNDER OTHER FED-**
5 **ERAL PROGRAMS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1860D–42 of the Social
7 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–152) is amended by add-
8 ing at the end the following new subsection:

1 “(c) BENEFITS HAVE NO IMPACT ON BENEFITS
2 UNDER OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS.—Benefits under
3 this part, including the availability of negotiated prices
4 under this part and premium and cost-sharing subsidies
5 under section 1860D–14, shall not be treated as benefits
6 or otherwise taken into account in determining an individ-
7 ual’s eligibility for, or the amount of benefits under, any
8 other Federal program.”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
10 this section shall take effect as if included in the enact-
11 ment of section 101(a) of the Medicare Prescription Drug,
12 Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law
13 108–173; 117 Stat. 2071).

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