

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 164

To provide greater health care freedom for seniors.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2009

Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. JONES, and Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey) 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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Seniors’ Health Care
5 Freedom Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. FACILITATING THE USE OF PRIVATE CONTRACTS**
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

1 redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) as paragraphs (3)
2 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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