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# H. R. 6227

To establish a temporary prohibition on termination of coverage under the TRICARE program for age of dependents under the age of 26 years.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself and Mr. MILLER of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Extended TRICARE  
5       Coverage for Military Families Now Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON TERMINATION OF**  
2 **COVERAGE UNDER THE TRICARE PROGRAM**  
3 **FOR AGE OF DEPENDENTS UNDER THE AGE**  
4 **OF 26 YEARS.**

5 (a) TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON TERMINATION OF  
6 COVERAGE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
7 the eligibility of an individual described in subsection (b)  
8 for treatment as a dependent under subparagraph (D) or  
9 (I) of section 1072(2) of title 10, United States Code, for  
10 purposes of the TRICARE program may not, during the  
11 period specified in subsection (c), be terminated solely by  
12 reason of exceeding an age limit under such subparagraph.

13 (b) COVERED INDIVIDUALS.—An individual described  
14 in this subsection is any individual who—

15 (1) qualifies for treatment as a dependent  
16 under subparagraph (D) or (I) of section 1072(2) of  
17 title 10, United States Code, but for exceeding an  
18 age limit under such subparagraph; and

19 (2) has not attained the age of 26 years.

20 (c) PERIOD OF CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE.—The  
21 period specified in this subsection is the period that—

22 (1) begins on the date of the enactment of this  
23 Act; and

24 (2) ends on the earlier of—

25 (A) the effective date of regulations imple-  
26 menting provisions of law extending dependent

1 coverage under the TRICARE program to de-  
2 pendent individuals up to the age of 26 years;  
3 or

4 (B) September 30, 2011.

5 (d) REENROLLMENT OF CERTAIN PERSONS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—An individual described in  
7 paragraph (2) shall, upon the election of the indi-  
8 vidual, be treated as an individual to whom sub-  
9 sections (a) and (b) apply.

10 (2) COVERED INDIVIDUALS.—An individual de-  
11 scribed in this paragraph is an individual whose  
12 treatment as a dependent for purposes of the  
13 TRICARE program as described in subsection (a)  
14 ceased during the period beginning on June 1, 2010,  
15 and ending on the date of the enactment of this Act  
16 by reason of exceeding an age limit specified in sub-  
17 section (a).

18 (3) NATURE OF COVERAGE.—The application of  
19 subsections (a) and (b) to an individual under this  
20 subsection shall commence on the date of the elec-  
21 tion of the individual under paragraph (1). The indi-  
22 vidual shall not be eligible for coverage under the  
23 TRICARE program as a dependent, nor be subject  
24 to any charges for such coverage, for the period be-

1       ginning on June 1, 2010, and ending on the date of  
2       such election.

3       (e) TRICARE PROGRAM DEFINED.—In this section,  
4 the term “TRICARE program” has the meaning given  
5 that term in section 1072(7) of title 10, United States  
6 Code.

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