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# H. R. 2725

To amend the Budget Control Act of 2011 to protect the Medicare program from budget cuts under such Act.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 1, 2011

Ms. WILSON of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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

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## A BILL

To amend the Budget Control Act of 2011 to protect the Medicare program from budget cuts under such Act.

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 “Medicare Protection  
5 Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. NO MEDICARE CUTS.**

7 (a) NO CUTS THROUGH LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE OF  
8 THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Title IV of the Budget Con-  
2           trol Act of 2011 is amended by adding at the end  
3           the following new section:

4   **“SEC. 405. NO MEDICARE CUTS.**

5           “(a) IN GENERAL.—The joint committee shall not in-  
6           clude in its proposed legislative language submitted pursu-  
7           ant to section 401(b)(3)(B)(iv) any provision that reduces  
8           eligibility, payments, or benefits, increases premiums or  
9           other cost-sharing, or otherwise reduces outlays under the  
10          Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security  
11          Act.

12          “(b) NO APPLICATION OF EXPEDITED PROCE-  
13          DURES.—If the joint committee bill includes a provision  
14          that violates subsection (a), the expedited procedures in  
15          section 402 shall not apply to such bill.”.

16          (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-  
17          tents in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by in-  
18          serting after the item relating to section 404 the fol-  
19          lowing new item:

“Sec. 405. No Medicare cuts.”.

20          (b) NO CUTS THROUGH FALLBACK SEQUESTRATION  
21          PROCESS.—Section 251A(8) of the Balanced Budget and  
22          Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as inserted by  
23          section 302(a) of the Budget Control Act of 2011, is  
24          amended by striking “except that the percentage reduction  
25          for the Medicare programs specified in section 256(d)

1 shall not be more than 2 percent for a fiscal year” and  
2 inserting “except that there shall be no percentage reduc-  
3 tion for the Medicare programs specified in section 256(d)  
4 for any fiscal year and in no case shall there be a reduction  
5 under such programs pursuant to a sequestration under  
6 section 3101A(f)(6) of title 31, United States Code”.

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