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# H. R. 7475

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 1, 2020

Mr. VELA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

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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 “Ensuring FEHBP  
5 Coverage During Pandemic Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FEHBP SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD DURING**  
2 **PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 8905 of title 5, United  
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing:

6 “(j)(1) An unenrolled employee may, during the pe-  
7 riod that a nationwide pandemic is in effect (as deter-  
8 mined by the Office of Personnel Management), enroll in  
9 a health benefits plan under this chapter.

10 “(2) An employee who is enrolled in such a plan may,  
11 during any period described in paragraph (1), change such  
12 enrollment.”.

13 (b) **APPLICATION.**—The amendment made by sub-  
14 section (a) shall apply to any contract entered into under  
15 section 8902 of title 5, United States Code, before, on,  
16 or after the date of enactment of this Act.

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