

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1826

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate late enrollment penalties under part B of the Medicare program for individuals residing in Puerto Rico if such individuals enroll within 5 years of becoming entitled to benefits under part A of such program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 2021

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN (for herself and Mr. SOTO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 “Fairness in Medicare
5 Part B Enrollment Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATING LATE ENROLLMENT PENALTIES**
2 **UNDER PART B OF THE MEDICARE PROGRAM**
3 **FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN**
4 **PUERTO RICO.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1839(b) of the Social Se-
6 curity Act is amended in the second sentence by inserting
7 “or months occurring in the 5-year period beginning on
8 the date on which the individual becomes entitled to bene-
9 fits under part A if such individual was residing in Puerto
10 Rico as of such date and such date is after the date that
11 is 4 years before the date of the enactment of the Fairness
12 in Medicare Part B Enrollment Act of 2021” before the
13 period at the end of such sentence.

14 (b) **APPLICATION.**—The amendment made by sub-
15 section (a) shall apply with respect to premiums paid for
16 months beginning on or after the date of the enactment
17 of this Act.

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