

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1688

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate fair prescription drug prices under part D of the Medicare program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 1, 2017

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Empowering Medicare
5 Seniors to Negotiate Drug Prices Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE FAIR PRICES FOR MEDI-**
2 **CARE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1860D–11 of the Social
4 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–111) is amended by strik-
5 ing subsection (i).

6 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
7 this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment
8 of this Act.

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