

## 115TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## S. 815

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

April 4, 2017

Mr. Nelson (for himself, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Schumer) 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 "Territories Medicare
- 5 Prescription Drug Assistance Equity Act of 2017".

1	SEC. 2. ELIMINATING EXCLUSION OF PART D ELIGIBLE IN-
2	DIVIDUALS RESIDING IN TERRITORIES FROM
3	ELIGIBILITY FOR PREMIUM AND COST-SHAR-
4	ING SUBSIDIES.
5	(a) In General.—Section 1860D-14(a)(3) of the
6	Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-114(a)(3)) is
7	amended—
8	(1) in subparagraph (A), in the matter pre-
9	ceding clause (i), by striking "subject to subpara-
10	graph (F),";
11	(2) in subparagraph (B)(v), in the matter pre-
12	ceding subclause (I), by striking "Subject to sub-
13	paragraph (F), the Secretary" and inserting "The
14	Secretary';
15	(3) in subparagraph (C), by adding at the end
16	the following new sentence: "In the case of an indi-
17	vidual who is not a resident of the 50 States or the
18	District of Columbia, the poverty line (as such term
19	is defined in clause (ii)) that shall apply to such in-
20	dividual shall be the poverty line for the 48 contig-
21	uous States and the District of Columbia."; and
22	(4) by striking subparagraph (F).
23	(b) Application of Medicaid Provisions.—Sec-
24	tion 1935 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396u-
25	5) is amended—

- 1 (1) in subsection (a), by striking "subject to 2 subsection (e)" in the matter preceding paragraph
- 3 (1); and
- 4 (2) by striking subsection (e).
- 5 (c) Conforming Amendment.—Section 1108(f) of
- 6 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1308(f)) is amended
- 7 by striking "and section 1935(e)(1)(B)" in the matter pre-
- 8 ceding clause (i).
- 9 (d) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 10 this section shall take effect on January 1, 2018.

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