

104TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 3591

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the amount of the premium charged for enrollment in part A of the Medicare program for individuals not receiving third-party assistance in payment of the premium.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 5, 1996

Mr. STARK (for himself and Mr. MATSUI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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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. REDUCTION IN PART A MEDICARE PREMIUM**

4 **FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1818(d) of the Social Se-  
6 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i–2(d)) is amended—

1           (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “paragraph  
2           (4)” and inserting “paragraphs (4) and (5)”; and

3           (2) by adding at the end the following new  
4           paragraph:

5           “(5)(A) In the case of an individual described in sub-  
6           paragraph (B) for a month, the amount of the monthly  
7           premium shall be zero.

8           “(B) An individual described in this subparagraph for  
9           a month is an individual who has established to the satis-  
10          faction of the Secretary that—

11           “(i) the individual’s premium under this section  
12          for the month is not (and will not be) paid for, in  
13          whole or in part, by a State (under title XIX or oth-  
14          erwise), a political subdivision of a State, or an  
15          agency or instrumentality of one or more States or  
16          political subdivisions thereof; and

17           “(ii) in each of 60 months before such month  
18          in which the individual was enrolled under part A  
19          under this section, the individual’s premium under  
20          this section for the month was not paid for, in whole  
21          or in part, by a State (under title XIX or otherwise),  
22          a political subdivision of a State, or an agency or in-  
23          strumentality of one or more States or political sub-  
24          divisions thereof.”.

1       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
2 subsection (a) shall apply to premiums for months begin-  
3 ning with January 1997, and months before such month  
4 may be taken into account for purposes of meeting the  
5 requirement of section 1818(d)(5)(B)(ii) of the Social Se-  
6 curity Act, as added by subsection (a).

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