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To apply recently imposed tariffs on steel imports towards assistance for displaced steel workers and retirees.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TRAFICANT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, and Energy and Commerce, 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

To apply recently imposed tariffs on steel imports towards assistance for displaced steel workers and retirees.

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 “Steel Workers Relief
5 Act of 2002”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF STEEL PRODUCT TARIFFS TO AD-**
 2 **DITIONAL ASSISTANCE.**

3 (a) APPLICATION OF HALF FOR HEALTH INSURANCE
 4 ASSISTANCE UNDER TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSIST-
 5 ANCE.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 245 of the Trade
 7 Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2317) is amended—

8 (A) in subsection (a), by inserting “and
 9 section 238A” after “subchapter D”; and

10 (B) by adding at the end the following new
 11 subsection:

12 “(c) HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE.—Out of any
 13 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there
 14 are hereby appropriated to carry out section 238A an
 15 amount equal to 50 percent of all tariffs imposed on im-
 16 ports of steel products by reason of Proclamation 7529
 17 of the President of March 5, 2002.”.

18 (2) PROVISION OF HEALTH INSURANCE ASSIST-
 19 ANCE.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter B of chap-
 21 ter 2 of title II of such Act is amended by add-
 22 ing at the end the following new part:

23 “PART III—HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE

24 **“SEC. 238A. HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE.**

25 “(a) IN GENERAL.—From amounts appropriated
 26 under section 245(c), with respect to adversely affected

1 workers covered by a certification under subchapter A who
2 lost health benefits coverage as a result of displacement
3 from employment and who are receiving benefit allow-
4 ances, training, or other employment services under this
5 chapter, the Secretary shall provide for assistance in the
6 purchase of health insurance coverage for such workers
7 and for family members who would have had such cov-
8 erage if the displacement had not occurred. Such health
9 insurance coverage may be in the form of coverage under
10 a COBRA continuation provision (as defined in section
11 706(d)(1) of the Employee Retirement Income Security
12 Act of 1974), under a State program that provides com-
13 parable continuation coverage, under individual health in-
14 surance coverage, or otherwise.

15 “(b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary shall
16 establish rules for the qualification for assistance and ex-
17 tent of assistance made available under this section. Such
18 rules may—

19 “(1) provide for assistance for some or all of
20 the costs of health insurance coverage;

21 “(2) may vary the amount of such assistance
22 taking into account the cost of such coverage, the
23 number of individuals covered, access to alternative
24 coverage, and individual financial circumstances; and

1 “(3) may restrict or limit such assistance in the
2 case of an individual who is covered under a group
3 health plan.”.

4 (B) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of
5 contents of such Act is amended by inserting
6 after the item relating to section 238 the fol-
7 lowing:

 “PART III—HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE

 “Sec. 238A. Health insurance assistance.”.

8 (b) APPLICATION OF HALF TO PENSION BENEFIT
9 GUARANTEE CORPORATION.—Section 4005(b)(1) of the
10 Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29
11 U.S.C. 1305(b)(1)) is amended by inserting, after and
12 below subparagraph (G), the following flush left text:
13 “Out of amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
14 priated, in addition to the amounts credited under the pre-
15 ceding provisions of this paragraph, there are hereby ap-
16 propriated to the revolving fund used with respect to basic
17 benefits guaranteed under section 4022 and to the revolv-
18 ing fund used with respect to basic benefits guaranteed
19 under section 4022A, in appropriate proportions between
20 such funds as determined by the corporation, an aggregate
21 amount equal to 50 percent of all tariffs imposed on im-
22 ports of steel products by reason of Proclamation 7529
23 of the President of March 5, 2002.”.

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