

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5236

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2002

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

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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. ASSURING TOTALLY VOLUNTARY NATURE OF**  
4                       **ENROLLMENT IN ANY MEDICARE PRESCRIP-**  
5                       **TION DRUG PROGRAM.**

6       Enrollment in a prescription drug plan established  
7       under title XVIII of the Social Security Act shall be totally  
8       voluntary and no individual shall be required to enroll in

1 such a plan as part of any contract with any employer  
2 or under any collective bargaining agreement or otherwise  
3 (including any revision made to any benefit or pension  
4 plan or agreement referred to in section 9701 of the Inter-  
5 nal Revenue Code of 1986, relating to coal industry health  
6 benefits).

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