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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4579

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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## AN ACT

To amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend by one year provisions requiring parity in the application of certain limits to mental health benefits.

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. ONE-YEAR EXTENSION FOR PROVISIONS RE-**  
4 **QUIRING PARITY IN THE APPLICATION OF**  
5 **CERTAIN LIMITS TO MENTAL HEALTH BENE-**  
6 **FITS.**

7 (a) AMENDMENT TO THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT  
8 INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974.—Section 712(f) of the  
9 Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29  
10 U.S.C. 1185a(f)) is amended by striking “December 31,  
11 2005” and inserting “December 31, 2006”.

12 (b) AMENDMENT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE  
13 ACT.—Section 2705(f) of the Public Health Service Act  
14 (42 U.S.C. 300gg–5(f)) is amended by striking “Decem-  
15 ber 31, 2005” and inserting “December 31, 2006”.

16 (c) AMENDMENT TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE  
17 OF 1986.—Section 9812(f)(3) of the Internal Revenue  
18 Code of 1986 (relating to application of section) is amend-  
19 ed by striking “December 31, 2005” and inserting “De-  
20 cember 31, 2006”.

Passed the House of Representatives December 17,  
2005.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*