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# H. R. 6873

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Mr. RAMSTAD, and Mr. HINCHEY) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Hospice Pro-  
5       tection Act of 2008”.

6       **SEC. 2. DELAY IN PHASE OUT OF MEDICARE HOSPICE**  
7                               **BUDGET NEUTRALITY ADJUSTMENT FACTOR**  
8                               **DURING FISCAL YEAR 2009.**

9       Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including  
10      the final rule published on August 8, 2008, 73 Federal

1 Register 46464 et seq., relating to Medicare Program;  
2 Hospice Wage Index for Fiscal Year 2009, the Secretary  
3 of Health and Human Services shall not phase out or  
4 eliminate the budget neutrality adjustment factor in the  
5 Medicare hospice wage index before October 1, 2009, and  
6 the Secretary shall recompute and apply the final Medi-  
7 care hospice wage index for fiscal year 2009 as if there  
8 had been no reduction in the budget neutrality adjustment  
9 factor.

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