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H. R. 4808

To promote transparency in health care pricing.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER (for himself and Mr. GALLAGHER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Transparent Health
5 Care Pricing Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRANSPARENCY IN ALL HEALTH CARE PRICING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Any and all individuals or busi-
8 ness entities, including hospitals, physicians, nurses, phar-
9 macies, pharmaceutical manufacturers, dentists, and any
10 other health care related providers or suppliers that offer
11 or furnish health care related items, products, services, or
12 procedures (as defined by the Secretary of Health and

1 Human Services) for sale to the public shall publicly dis-
2 close, on a continuous basis, all prices for such items,
3 products, services, or procedures in accordance with this
4 section.

5 (b) MANNER OF DISCLOSURE.—The disclosure re-
6 quired under subsection (a) shall—

7 (1) be made in an open and conspicuous man-
8 ner;

9 (2) be made available at the point of purchase,
10 in print, and on the Internet; and

11 (3) include all wholesale, retail, subsidized, dis-
12 counted, or other such prices the individuals or busi-
13 ness entities described in such subsection accept as
14 payment in full for items, products, services, or pro-
15 cedures such individuals or business entities furnish
16 to individual consumers.

17 (c) PENALTIES.—The Secretary of Health and
18 Human Services may investigate any and all individuals
19 or business entities that fail to comply with the require-
20 ments of this section and may impose on such individuals
21 or business entities civil fines, or other civil penalties, as
22 determined appropriate by the Secretary.

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