

118TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 977

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 2023

Mr. BURGESS (for himself, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. BABIN, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. HERN, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. COLE, Mr. BANKS, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. FERGUSON, Ms. VAN DUYNE, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. WENSTRUP, and Mr. SESSIONS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Patient Access to  
5 Higher Quality Health Care Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF HEALTH CARE REFORM PROVISIONS**  
2 **LIMITING MEDICARE EXCEPTION TO THE**  
3 **PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN PHYSICIAN RE-**  
4 **FERRALS FOR HOSPITALS.**

5 Sections 6001 and 10601 of the Patient Protection  
6 and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111–148; 124 Stat.  
7 684, 1005) and section 1106 of the Health Care and Edu-  
8 cation Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–152;  
9 124 Stat. 1049) are repealed and the provisions of law  
10 amended by such sections are restored as if such sections  
11 had never been enacted.

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