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S. 2148

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prevent an increase in the Medicare part B premium and deductible in 2016.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CARPER, Mr. UDALL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KING, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. COONS, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. MERKLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Medicare
3 Beneficiaries Act of 2015”.

4 **SEC. 2. PREVENTING MEDICARE PART B PREMIUM AND DE-**
5 **DUCTIBLE INCREASES IN 2016.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1839(a) of the Social Se-
7 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395r(a)) is amended—

1 (1) in the second sentence of paragraph (1), by
2 striking “Such” and inserting “Subject to paragraph
3 (5), such”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following new
5 paragraph:

6 “(5) In applying this part (including subsection (i)
7 and section 1833(b)), the monthly actuarial rate for en-
8 rollees age 65 and over for 2016 shall be equal to the
9 monthly actuarial rate for such enrollees for 2015.”.

10 (b) CONFORMING FUNDING.—Section 1844(a) of the
11 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w(a)) is amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at
13 the end and inserting “; plus”; and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(4) a Government contribution equal to, as es-
16 timated by the Chief Actuary of the Centers for
17 Medicare & Medicaid Services, the reduction in ag-
18 gregate premiums payable for a month under this
19 part that is attributable to the application of section
20 1839(a)(5) with respect to—

21 “(A) enrollees age 65 and over; and

22 “(B) enrollees under age 65.

23 In applying paragraph (1), the Government contribution
24 under paragraph (4) with respect to enrollees described
25 in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of such paragraph (4) shall

1 be treated as premiums payable and deposited in the
2 Trust Fund under subparagraphs (A) and (B), respec-
3 tively, of paragraph (1).”.

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