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118TH CONGRESS  
2ND SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To allow individuals to choose to opt out of the Medicare part A benefit.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. PALMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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part A benefit.

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 “Retirement Freedom  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ALLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO CHOOSE TO OPT OUT**  
7 **OF THE MEDICARE PART A BENEFIT.**

8 Any individual who is otherwise entitled to benefits  
9 under part A of title XVIII of the Social Security Act may

1 elect (in such form and manner as may be specified by  
2 the Secretary of Health and Human Services) to opt out  
3 of such entitlement. Notwithstanding any other provision  
4 of law, in the case of an individual who makes such an  
5 election, such individual—

6           (1) may (in such form and manner as may be  
7           specified by the Secretary) subsequently choose to  
8           end such election and opt back into such entitlement  
9           (in accordance with a process determined by the  
10          Secretary) without being subject to any penalty;

11          (2) shall not be required to opt out of benefits  
12          under title II of such Act as a condition for making  
13          such election; and

14          (3) shall not be required to repay any amount  
15          paid under such part A for items and services fur-  
16          nished prior to making such election.