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H. R. 3148

To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 respecting the scoring of preventive health savings.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CHRISTENSEN (for herself, Ms. LEE of California, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. WATSON, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. WATT, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. WATERS, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. RUSH, Ms. NORTON, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. WEINER, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Ms. RICHARDSON, Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget

A BILL

To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 respecting the scoring of preventive health savings.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SCORING OF PREVENTIVE HEALTH SAVINGS.**

2 Section 202 of the Congressional Budget and Im-
3 poundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 602) is amend-
4 ed by adding at the end the following new subsection:

5 “(h) SCORING OF PREVENTIVE HEALTH SAVINGS.—

6 “(1) DETERMINATION BY THE DIRECTOR.—

7 Upon a request by the chairman or ranking minority
8 member of the Committee on the Budget of the Sen-
9 ate, or by the chairman or ranking minority member
10 of the Committee on the Budget of the House of
11 Representatives, the Director shall determine if a
12 proposed measure would result in reductions in
13 budget outlays in budgetary outyears through the
14 use of preventive health and preventive health serv-
15 ices.

16 “(2) PROJECTIONS.—If the Director determines
17 that a measure would result in substantial reduc-
18 tions in budget outlays as described in paragraph
19 (1), the Director—

20 “(A) shall include, in any projection pre-
21 pared by the Director, a description and esti-
22 mate of the reductions in budget outlays in the
23 budgetary outyears and a description of the
24 basis for such conclusions; and

25 “(B) may prepare a budget projection that
26 includes some or all of the budgetary outyears,

1 notwithstanding the time periods for projections
2 described in subsection (e) and sections 308,
3 402, and 424.

4 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this sub-
5 section—

6 “(A) the term ‘preventive health’ means an
7 action that focuses on the health of the public,
8 individuals and defined populations in order to
9 protect, promote, and maintain health and
10 wellness and prevent disease, disability, and
11 premature death that is demonstrated by cred-
12 ible and publicly available epidemiological pro-
13 jection models, incorporating clinical trials or
14 observational studies in humans, to avoid future
15 health care costs; and

16 “(B) the term ‘budgetary outyears’ means
17 the 2 consecutive 10-year periods beginning
18 with the first fiscal year that is 10 years after
19 the budget year provided for in the most re-
20 cently agreed to concurrent resolution on the
21 budget.”.

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