

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. LEE) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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
10 elect (in such form and manner as may be specified by

1 the Secretary of Health and Human Services) to opt out
2 of such entitlement. Notwithstanding any other provision
3 of law, in the case of an individual who makes such an
4 election, such individual—

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

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

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