

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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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 “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  
11 the Secretary of Health and Human Services) to opt out

1 of such entitlement. Notwithstanding any other provision  
2 of law, in the case of an individual who makes such an  
3 election, such individual—

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

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

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