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110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate lower covered part D drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. DINGELL (for himself, Mr. RANGEL, and [see ATTACHED LIST of cosponsors]) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Medicare Prescription
5 Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. NEGOTIATION OF LOWER COVERED PART D DRUG**
2 **PRICES ON BEHALF OF MEDICARE BENE-**
3 **FICIARIES.**

4 (a) NEGOTIATION BY HHS.—Section 1860D–11 of
5 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–111) is amend-
6 ed by striking subsection (i) (relating to noninterference)
7 and inserting the following:

8 “(i) NEGOTIATION OF LOWER DRUG PRICES.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
10 provision of law, the Secretary shall negotiate with
11 pharmaceutical manufacturers the prices that may
12 be charged for covered part D drugs for part D eli-
13 gible individuals who are enrolled under a prescrip-
14 tion drug plan or under an MA–PD plan.

15 “(2) NO CHANGE IN RULES FOR
16 FORMULARIES.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in paragraph
18 (1) shall be construed to authorize the Sec-
19 retary to establish or require a particular for-
20 mulary.

21 “(B) CONSTRUCTION.—Subparagraph (A)
22 shall not be construed as affecting the Sec-
23 retary’s authority to ensure appropriate and
24 adequate access to covered part D drugs under
25 prescription drug plans and under MA–PD
26 plans, including compliance of such plans with

1 formulary requirements under section 1860D–
2 4(b)(3).

3 “(3) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sub-
4 section shall be construed as preventing the sponsor
5 of a prescription drug plan, or an organization offer-
6 ing an MA–PD plan, from obtaining a discount or
7 reduction of the price for a covered part D drug
8 below the price negotiated under paragraph (1).

9 “(4) SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—
10 Not later than June 1, 2007, and every six months
11 thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-
12 mittees on Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce,
13 and Government Reform of the House of Represent-
14 atives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate
15 a report on negotiations conducted by the Secretary
16 to achieve lower prices for Medicare beneficiaries,
17 and the prices and price discounts achieved by the
18 Secretary as a result of such negotiations.”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
20 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-
21 ment of this Act and shall first apply to negotiations and
22 prices for plan years beginning on January 1, 2008.