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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To rename the program under part C of title XVIII of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. POCAN 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 “Save Medicare Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE ADVANTAGE RENAMED.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is hereby established the
7 “Alternative Private Health Plan” program. The Alter-
8 native Private Health Plan program shall consist of the

1 program under part C of title XVIII of the Social Security
2 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–21 et seq.).

3 (b) REFERENCES.—Notwithstanding section 201 of
4 the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Mod-
5 ernization Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–173) and subject
6 to subsection (c), any reference to the program under part
7 C of title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
8 1395w–21 et seq.) shall be deemed a reference to the Al-
9 ternative Private Health Plan program and, with respect
10 to such part, any reference to “Medicare+Choice”, “Medi-
11 care Advantage”, or “MA” is deemed a reference to the
12 Alternative Private Health Plan program.

13 (c) TRANSITION.—In order to provide for an orderly
14 transition and avoid beneficiary and provider confusion,
15 the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall provide
16 for an appropriate transition in the use of the terms
17 “Medicare Advantage”, “MA”, and “Alternative Private
18 Health Plan” in reference to the program under part C
19 of title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
20 1395w–21 et seq.). Such transition shall be fully com-
21 pleted for all materials for plan years beginning on or after
22 October 15, 2023. Before the completion of such transi-
23 tion, any reference to the Alternative Private Health Plan
24 program shall be deemed to include a reference to
25 “Medicare+Choice”, “Medicare Advantage”, and “MA”.

1 **SEC. 3. CIVIL MONEY PENALTY.**

2 Section 1128A of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
3 1320a–7a) is amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(t)(1) Any entity that advertises a plan under part
5 C of title XVIII of this Act by using the term ‘Medicare’
6 in the title of the plan on or after the date of enactment
7 of this Act shall be subject to a civil money penalty of
8 \$100,000 for each instance of the use of the term in a
9 plan title.

10 “(2) The provisions of subsections (c), (g), and (h)
11 shall apply to a civil money penalty under this subsection
12 in the same manner as such provisions apply to a penalty,
13 assessment, or proceeding under subsection (a).”.