

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4938

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the 2006 open enrollment period for Medicare prescription drug plans and to eliminate any late enrollment penalty for enrollments in such plans at any time during 2006.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2006

Mr. WU introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF THE 2006 OPEN ENROLLMENT**  
2 **PERIOD FOR MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION**  
3 **DRUG PLANS.**

4 Section 1860D–1(b)(1)(B)(iii) of the Social Security  
5 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–101(b)(1)(B)(iii)) is amended by  
6 inserting “, except that in applying paragraph (1) of such  
7 section, with respect to the annual coordinated election pe-  
8 riod for 2006, such period shall continue through Novem-  
9 ber 14, 2006” before the period.

10 **SEC. 2. NO MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG LATE ENROLL-**  
11 **MENT PENALTY FOR ENROLLMENTS DURING**  
12 **2006.**

13 Section 1860D–13(b)(3)(B) of the Social Security  
14 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–113(b)(3)(B)) is amended by in-  
15 sserting “(after December 2006)” after “any month”.

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