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# H. R. 594

To amend the Social Security Act to further extend health care coverage under the Medicare Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2001

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii (for herself, Mr. FILNER, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. FROST, Mr. FRANK, Mr. WYNN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. STARK, and Mr. LANTOS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 HEALTH CARE COVERAGE**  
2 **UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title II of the Social Security Act  
4 (42 U.S.C. 301) is amended by inserting after section  
5 226A the following new section:

6 “SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO COVERAGE UNDER  
7 THE MEDICARE PROGRAM FOR QUALIFIED WORLD  
8 WAR II FILIPINO VETERANS

9 “SEC. 226B. (a) Notwithstanding any provision to  
10 the contrary in section 226, section 226A, or title XVIII,  
11 every individual who is a qualified World War II Filipino  
12 veteran shall be entitled to benefits under part A and eligi-  
13 ble to enroll under part B of title XVIII, subject to the  
14 deductible, premium, and coinsurance provisions of that  
15 title.

16 “(b) Entitlement of a qualified World War II Filipino  
17 veteran to benefits under part A and eligibility to enroll  
18 under part B of title XVIII by reason of this section be-  
19 gins with the first month after September 2001 for which  
20 such veteran meets the conditions specified in subsection  
21 (c).

22 “(c) For purposes of this section, the term ‘qualified  
23 World War II Filipino veteran’ means an individual who—

24 “(1) performed the service described in sub-  
25 sections (a) and (b), respectively, of section 107 of  
26 title 38, United States Code;

1           “(2) was discharged or released from such serv-  
2           ice under conditions other than dishonorable;

3           “(3) has attained the age of 65; and

4           “(4) is a citizen of the United States or an  
5           alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in  
6           the United States.”.

7           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1811 of  
8           such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395c) is amended—

9           (1) by striking “and 226A” and inserting  
10          “, 226A, and 226B”;

11          (2) by striking “and (3)” and inserting “(3)”;  
12          and

13          (3) by inserting before the period the following:  
14          “, and (4) certain individuals who do not meet the  
15          conditions specified in clause (1), (2), or (3) but who  
16          are qualified World War II Filipino veterans”.

17          (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
18          this section shall apply to benefits for months beginning  
19          after September 2001.

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