

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 261

To amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to apply deemed enrollment to residents of Puerto Rico.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2017

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico 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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Puerto Rico Medicare  
5       Part B Equality Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF PART B DEEMED ENROLLMENT**  
2 **PROCESS TO RESIDENTS OF PUERTO RICO;**  
3 **SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD AND LIMIT**  
4 **ON LATE ENROLLMENT PENALTIES.**

5 (a) APPLICATION OF PART B DEEMED ENROLLMENT  
6 PROCESS TO RESIDENTS OF PUERTO RICO.—Section  
7 1837(f)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
8 1395p(f)(3)) is amended by striking “, exclusive of Puerto  
9 Rico”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
11 subsection (a) shall apply to individuals whose initial en-  
12 rollment period under section 1837(d) of the Social Secu-  
13 rity Act begins on or after the first day of the effective  
14 month, specified by the Secretary of Health and Human  
15 Services under section 1839(j)(1)(C) of such Act, as added  
16 by subsection (c)(2).

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