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H. R. 4190

To amend title 5, United States Code, to exclude Members of Congress from the Federal employees health benefits program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 15, 2007

Mr. BURGESS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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

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. EXCLUSION.**

4 Section 8901(a)(1) of title 5, United States Code, is
5 amended by striking subparagraph (B) and by redesignig-
6 nating subparagraphs (C) through (I) as subparagraphs
7 (B) through (H), respectively.

1 **SEC. 2. VOUCHERS.**

2 (a) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

3 (1) the term “Member of Congress” has the
4 meaning given such term by section 2106 of title 5,
5 United States Code;

6 (2) the term “family member” means a member
7 of family, as defined by section 8901(5) of title 5,
8 United States Code; and

9 (3) the term “family coverage” means coverage
10 other than individual coverage.

11 (b) AUTHORITY.—Expenses for the cost of health
12 benefits for Members of Congress and family members
13 may be paid or reimbursed, from the appropriation, fund,
14 or account out of which contributions for Members would
15 otherwise have been payable under section 8906 of title
16 5, United States Code, on vouchers approved and signed
17 by the Clerk of the House of Representatives or the Sec-
18 retary of the Senate, as the case may be.

19 (c) LIMITS.—The total amount which may be paid
20 or reimbursed under this section for any year may not ex-
21 ceed—

22 (1) \$1,500 for individual coverage; or

23 (2) \$3,000 for family coverage.

24 (d) ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS.—Nothing in this
25 section shall be considered to allow payment or reimburse-
26 ment for coverage of any family member who (under the

1 provisions of chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code,
2 as last in effect before the effective date of this Act) would
3 not otherwise have been eligible to be covered under such
4 chapter.

5 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

6 This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2009.

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