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# H. R. 2310

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 12, 2019

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 “Fairness in Medicare  
5 Part B Enrollment Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATING LATE ENROLLMENT PENALTIES**  
2 **UNDER PART B OF THE MEDICARE PROGRAM**  
3 **FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN**  
4 **PUERTO RICO.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1839(b) of the Social Se-  
6 curity Act is amended in the second sentence by inserting  
7 “or months occurring in the 5-year period beginning on  
8 the date on which the individual becomes entitled to bene-  
9 fits under part A if such individual was residing in Puerto  
10 Rico as of such date and such date is after the date that  
11 is 4 years before the date of the enactment of the Fairness  
12 in Medicare Part B Enrollment Act of 2019” before the  
13 period at the end of such sentence.

14 (b) **APPLICATION.**—The amendment made by sub-  
15 section (a) shall apply with respect to premiums paid for  
16 months beginning on or after the date of the enactment  
17 of this Act.

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