

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2252

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to expand the permitted uses of drug price information disclosed to States under the Medicaid drug rebate program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 24, 2019

Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself and Mr. CARDIN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Empowering States
5 to Address Drug Costs Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF PERMITTED USES OF DRUG PRICE**
2 **INFORMATION DISCLOSED TO STATES UNDER**
3 **MEDICAID DRUG REBATE PROGRAM.**

4 Clause (iv) of section 1927(b)(3)(D) of the Social Se-
5 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r-8(b)(3)(D)) is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 “(iv) to States—
8 “(I) to carry out this title, or
9 “(II) to review the information
10 provided (including average manufac-
11 turer price, best price, and rebate cal-
12 culation data) for the purposes of es-
13 tablishing and operating State all-
14 payer prescription drug rate setting
15 entities (drug affordability boards) or
16 State multi-payer purchasing pools.”.

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