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H. R. 2699

To amend title 5, United States Code, to ensure that coverage of bone mass measurements is provided under the health benefits program for Federal employees.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MORELLA (for herself, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. NORTON, Ms. WATERS, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. LANTOS, and Mr. NADLER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

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 “Osteoporosis Federal
5 Employee Health Benefits Standardization Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE OF BONE MASS MEASUREMENTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8902 of title 5, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
4 ing:

5 “(p)(1) A contract may not be made or a plan ap-
6 proved which does not include coverage for bone mass
7 measurement in the case of a qualified individual.

8 “(2) For purposes of this subsection, the terms ‘bone
9 mass measurement’ and ‘qualified individual’ shall each
10 have the meaning given to it by section 1861(rr) of the
11 Social Security Act, except that—

12 “(A) section 1861(rr)(2) of the Social Security
13 Act shall be applied by substituting ‘the Director of
14 the Office of Personnel Management’ for ‘the Sec-
15 retary’; and

16 “(B) standards regarding the frequency with
17 which a qualified individual shall be eligible to be
18 provided benefits for bone mass measurement under
19 a health benefits plan under this chapter shall be es-
20 tablished by the Director in consultation with the
21 Secretary of Health and Human Services.”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
23 subsection (a) shall apply to bone mass measurements per-
24 formed on or after such date as the Office of Personnel
25 Management shall determine, except that such date shall

1 in no event be earlier than July 1, 1998, nor later than
2 January 1, 1999.

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