

108TH CONGRESS
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S. 2226

To extend the period for COBRA coverage for recipients of trade adjustment assistance.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 23, 2004

Mr. CORZINE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To extend the period for COBRA coverage for recipients of trade adjustment assistance.

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. EXTENSION OF COBRA COVERAGE PERIOD FOR**

4 **TAA-ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.**

5 (a) ERISA.—Section 605(b) of the Employee Retire-
6 ment Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1165(b))
7 is amended—

8 (1) in the subsection heading, by inserting
9 “AND COVERAGE” after “ELECTION”; and

10 (2) in paragraph (2)—

1 (A) in the paragraph heading, by inserting
2 “AND PERIOD” after “COMMENCEMENT”;

3 (B) by striking “and shall” and inserting
4 “, shall”; and

5 (C) by inserting “, and in no event shall
6 the maximum period required under section
7 602(2)(A) be less than the period during which
8 the individual is a TAA-eligible individual” be-
9 fore the period at the end.

10 (b) INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.—Section
11 4980B(f)(5)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
12 amended—

13 (1) in the subparagraph heading, by inserting
14 “AND COVERAGE” after “ELECTION”; and

15 (2) in clause (ii)—

16 (A) in the clause heading, by inserting
17 “AND PERIOD” after “COMMENCEMENT”;

18 (B) by striking “and shall” and inserting
19 “, shall”; and

20 (C) by inserting “, and in no event shall
21 the maximum period required under paragraph
22 (2)(B)(i) be less than the period during which
23 the individual is a TAA-eligible individual” be-
24 fore the period at the end.

1 (c) PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT.—Section
2 2205(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
3 300bb–5(b)) is amended—

4 (1) in the subsection heading, by inserting
5 “AND COVERAGE” after “ELECTION”; and

6 (2) in paragraph (2)—

7 (A) in the paragraph heading, by inserting
8 “AND PERIOD” after “COMMENCEMENT”;

9 (B) by striking “and shall” and inserting
10 “, shall”; and

11 (C) by inserting “, and in no event shall
12 the maximum period required under section
13 2202(2)(A) be less than the period during
14 which the individual is a TAA-eligible indi-
15 vidual” before the period at the end.

16 (d) RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amend-
17 ments made by this section shall take effect as if included
18 in the enactment of the Trade Act of 2002 (Public Law
19 107–210; 116 Stat. 933).

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