

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2473

OFFERED BY Mr. Strickland

(Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003)

Amend section 1860D-6(b)(1) of the Social Security Act (as proposed to be inserted by section 101), (relating to premiums to be charged), [page 44, lines 4 through 6] to read as follows:

- 1 “(b) UNIFORM PREMIUM.—
- 2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The monthly premium for a pre-
- 3 scription drug plan under this section (and the additional
- 4 premium of any MA-EFFS Rx plan that is attributable to
- 5 the provision of qualified prescription drug coverage) shall
- 6 be equal to—
- 7 “(A) \$35 for months in 2006; and
- 8 “(B) for months in a subsequent year, the amount
- 9 specified in this paragraph for months in the previous
- 10 year increased by the annual percentage increase speci-
- 11 fied in section 1860D-2(b)(5) for the year involved.