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H. R. 8823

To amend the Federal Employees' Compensation Act to allow the Secretary of Labor to suspend payments to medical providers who have been convicted of fraud.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MACKENZIE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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 “Putting Patients First
5 by Strengthening Provider Accountability in FECA Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FRAUD CONVICTIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8103 of title 5, United
8 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “These ex-
2 penses” and inserting “Subject to subsection (c),
3 these expenses”;

4 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “The Sec-
5 retary, under” and inserting “Subject to subsection
6 (c), the Secretary, under”; and

7 (3) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(c)(1) The Secretary of Labor may suspend pay-
9 ments to a provider of services, appliances, or supplies fur-
10 nished pursuant to subsection (a), or vouchers or certifi-
11 cations described in subsection (b) for the expenses in-
12 curred by the employing agency with respect to such a
13 provider, if the provider has been convicted of fraud with
14 respect to—

15 “(A) this subchapter;

16 “(B) any Federal health care benefit program
17 (as defined in section 24 of title 18, United States
18 Code); or

19 “(C) any State program for which payments
20 are made to providers for services, appliances, or
21 supplies similar to such services, appliances, or sup-
22 plies provided pursuant to this subchapter.

23 “(2) The Secretary shall promulgate regulations to
24 carry out this subsection.”.

1 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
2 this Act shall apply to payments made to a provider of
3 services, appliances, or supplies on or after the date that
4 is 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

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