

AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of title I of the Rules Committee Print,
add the following new subtitle:

1 **Subtitle D—Forcing Limits on**
2 **Abusive and Tumultuous Prices**

3 **SEC. 131. REDUCED MARKET EXCLUSIVITY.**

4 (a) PENALTY.—If the manufacturer of a prescription
5 drug approved under section 505 of the Federal Food,
6 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355) or licensed under
7 section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
8 262) increases the price of such drug as described in sub-
9 section (b), any remaining period of market exclusivity
10 with respect to such drug shall be reduced as follows:

11 (1) With respect to any price increase described
12 in subsection (b), such market exclusivity shall be
13 reduced by 180 days.

14 (2) For every 5 percent price increase over the
15 10 percent, 18 percent, or 25 percent, respectively,
16 threshold price increases described in subsection (b),
17 such market exclusivity shall be reduced for an addi-
18 tional 30 days.

1 (b) PRICE INCREASE.—A price increase described in
2 this subsection is an increase in the wholesale acquisition
3 cost (as defined in section 1847A(c)(6)(B) of the Social
4 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–3a(c)(6)(B))) of a pre-
5 scription drug of more than 10 percent over a 1-year pe-
6 riod, more than 18 percent over a 2-year period, or more
7 than 25 percent over a 3-year period.

8 (c) REPORT ON PRICE INCREASE.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—A drug manufacturer that
10 increases the price of a prescription drug as de-
11 scribed in subsection (b) shall report such increase
12 to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (re-
13 ferred to in this section as the “Secretary”) within
14 30 days of meeting the criteria for a price increase
15 under such subsection.

16 (2) FAILURE TO SUBMIT REPORT.—In the case
17 of a drug manufacturer that does not submit a re-
18 port required under paragraph (1) within the 30-day
19 period described in such paragraph, in addition to
20 the penalty under subsection (a), the period of mar-
21 ket exclusivity with respect to such drug shall be re-
22 duced by 30 days for each day after the due date
23 of the report until the report is submitted.

24 (d) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive, or decrease,
25 the reduction in the period of market exclusivity that

1 would otherwise apply under subsection (a) with respect
2 to a prescription drug if—

3 (1) the manufacturer of such drug submits—

4 (A) a report under subsection (c)(1); and

5 (B) an application for such a waiver, at
6 such time, in such manner, and containing such
7 information as the Secretary may require; and

8 (2) based upon the information in such applica-
9 tion, the Secretary determines that—

10 (A) the price increase is necessary to en-
11 able production of the drug, does not unduly re-
12 strict patient access to the drug, and does not
13 negatively impact public health; and

14 (B) such waiver or decrease constitutes a
15 deviation from the reduction in market exclu-
16 sivity that would otherwise apply under sub-
17 section (a) only to the extent necessary to
18 achieve drug production objectives.

19 (e) PERIOD OF MARKET EXCLUSIVITY.—For pur-
20 poses of this section, the term “period of market exclu-
21 sivity” means any period of market exclusivity granted
22 with respect to a prescription drug under clause (ii), (iii),
23 or (iv) of section 505(c)(3)(E) of the Federal Food, Drug,
24 and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(c)(3)(E)), section
25 505(j)(5)(B)(iv) of such Act, clause (ii), (iii), or (iv) of

1 section 505(j)(5)(F) of such Act, or paragraphs (6) or (7)
2 of section 351(k) of the Public Health Service Act (42
3 U.S.C. 262(k)).

