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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. AKAKA introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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. INCREASE OF MAXIMUM AGE FOR CHILDREN**
4 **ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAL CARE UNDER**
5 **CHAMPVA PROGRAM.**

6 (a) INCREASE.—Subsection (c) of section 1781 of
7 title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-
8 lows:

1 “(c)(1) Notwithstanding clauses (i) and (iii) of sec-
2 tion 101(4)(A) of this title and except as provided in para-
3 graph (2), for purposes of this section, a child who is eligi-
4 ble for benefits under subsection (a) shall remain eligible
5 for benefits under this section until the child’s 26th birth-
6 day, regardless of the child’s marital status.

7 “(2) Before January 1, 2014, paragraph (1) shall not
8 apply to a child who is eligible to enroll in an eligible em-
9 ployer-sponsored plan (as defined in section 5000A(f)(2)
10 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

11 “(3) This subsection shall not be construed to limit
12 eligibility for coverage of a child described in section
13 101(4)(A)(ii) of this title.”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Such subsection, as so
15 amended, shall apply with respect to medical care provided
16 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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