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H. R. 8823

[Report No. 119-]

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

MAY 14, 2026

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

JULY --, 2026

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 14, 2026]

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—*

9 *(1) in subsection (a), by striking “These ex-*
10 *penses” and inserting “Subject to subsection (c), these*
11 *expenses”;*

12 *(2) in subsection (b), by striking “The Secretary,*
13 *under” and inserting “Subject to subsection (c), the*
14 *Secretary, under”;* and

15 *(3) by adding at the end the following:*

16 *“(c)(1) The Secretary of Labor may suspend payments*
17 *to a provider of services, appliances, or supplies furnished*
18 *pursuant to subsection (a), or vouchers or certifications de-*
19 *scribed in subsection (b) for the expenses incurred by the*
20 *employing agency with respect to such a provider, if the*
21 *provider has been convicted of fraud with respect to—*

22 *“(A) this subchapter;*

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

1 “(C) *any State program for which payments are*
2 *made to providers for services, appliances, or supplies*
3 *similar to such services, appliances, or supplies pro-*
4 *vided pursuant to this subchapter.*

5 “(2) *The Secretary shall promulgate regulations to*
6 *carry out this subsection.”.*

7 ***(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—****The amendments made by this*
8 *Act shall apply with respect to payments made to a pro-*
9 *vider of services, appliances, or supplies on or after the date*
10 *that is 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.*