

PRESCRIPTION DRUG, IMPROVEMENT, AND
MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2003,
PUBLIC LAW 108-173
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The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 marks the greatest expansion of federal health care benefits for seniors and the disabled in nearly four decades. Among other matters, it creates a new Medicare Part D, subsidizing prescription drug coverage for seniors, expands funding for rural hospitals, creates tax free medical savings accounts, and sanctions HHS approved drug imports from Canada. In the four years since its enactment, it has generated over 180 rules or proposed rules, more than 80 federal court decisions and in excess of 200 bills proposing amendments including several measures that have become law.

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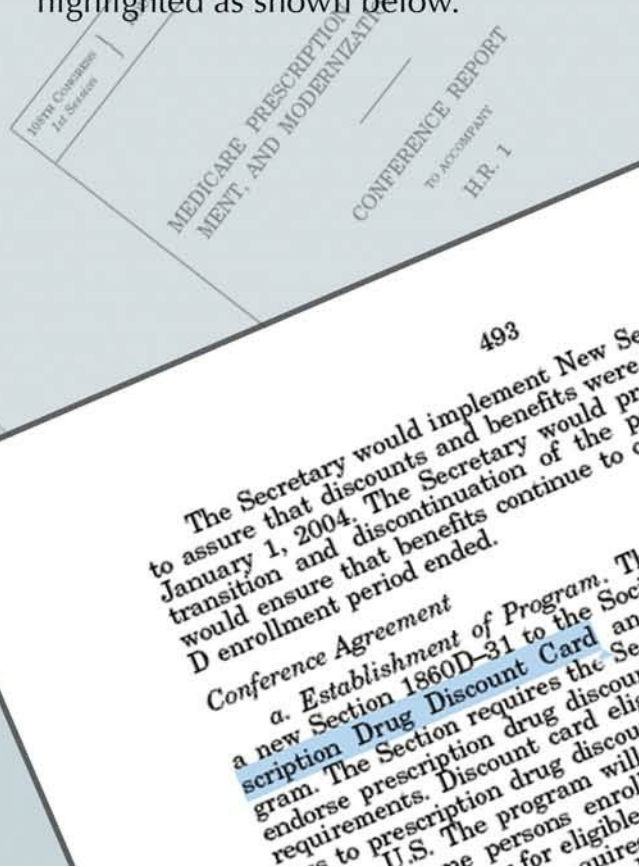
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The Secretary would implement New Section 1860D-31 to the Social Security Act, Medicare Prescription Drug Discount Card and Transitional Assistance Program. The Secretary would provide prescription drug discounts through card sponsors for discount card eligible individuals throughout the transition and discontinuation of the program. The Secretary would ensure that benefits continue to operate as provided under the program during the enrollment period ended.

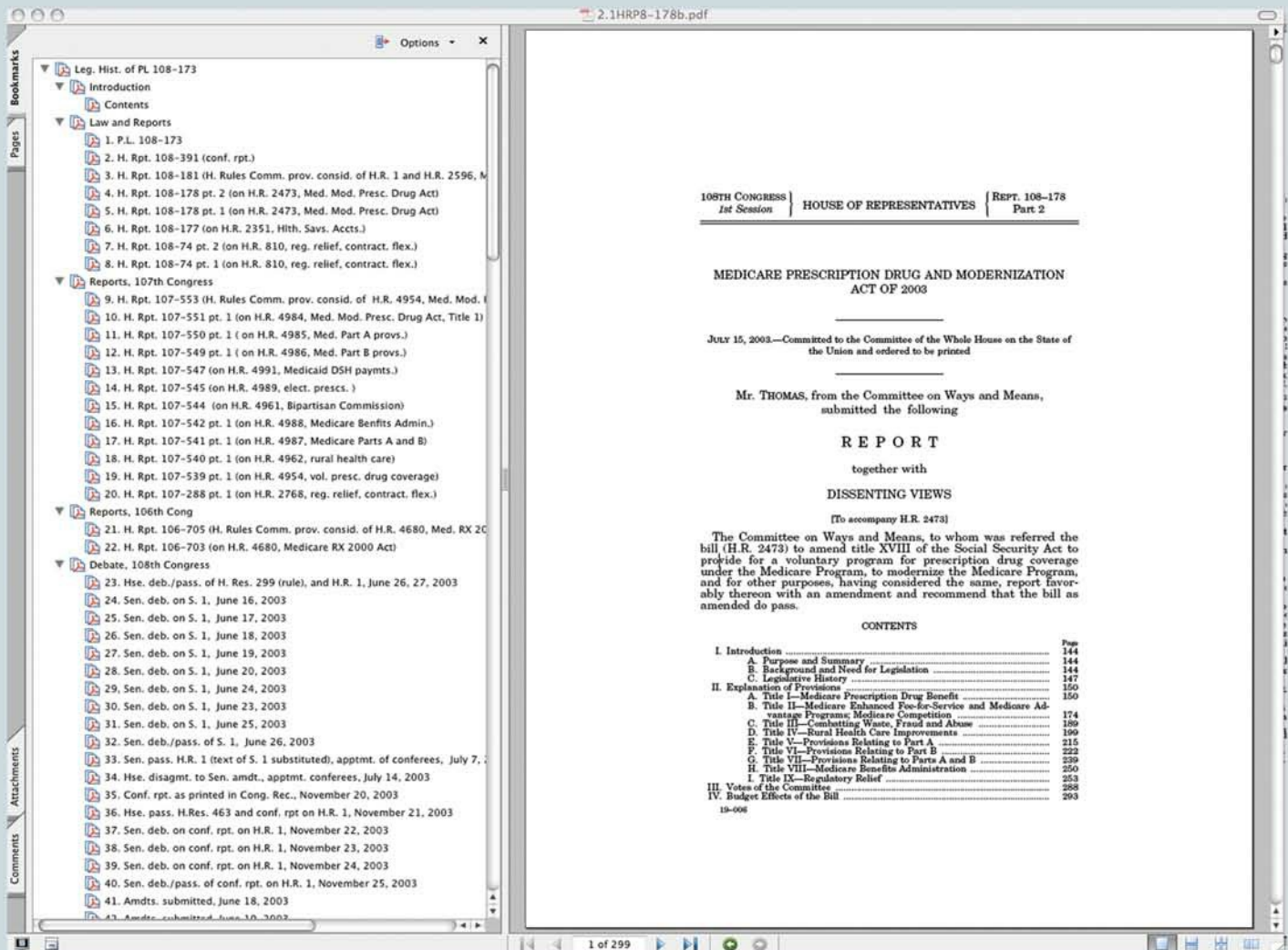
Conference Agreement

a. Establishment of Program. The conference agreement under section 106(b)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act, Medicare Prescription Drug Discount Card and Transitional Assistance Program. The Secretary would provide prescription drug discounts through card sponsors for discount card eligible individuals throughout the transition and discontinuation of the program. The Secretary would ensure that benefits continue to operate as provided under the program during the enrollment period ended.

U.S. The program will also provide transitional assistance to persons enrolled in endorsed programs. The program requires the Secretary to implement the program on a basis which could be effective on the date of enactment. The Secretary is required to carry out the program. They shall issue final regulations on or before the date provided. The Secretary shall provide a final report on the implementation of the program.

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