

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. TILLIS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Ensuring Pathways  
5 to Innovative Cures Act of 2025” or the “EPIC Act of  
6 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. EQUALIZING THE NEGOTIATION PERIOD BETWEEN**  
2 **SMALL-MOLECULE AND BIOLOGIC CAN-**  
3 **DIDATES UNDER THE DRUG PRICE NEGOTIA-**  
4 **TION PROGRAM.**

5 Section 1192(e)(1)(A)(ii) of the Social Security Act  
6 (42 U.S.C. 1320f-1(e)(1)(A)(ii)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “year, at least 7” and inserting  
8 “year—

9 “(I) for initial price applicability  
10 years 2026 and 2027, at least 7”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(II) for initial price applicability  
13 year 2028 and each subsequent initial  
14 price applicability year, at least 11  
15 years will have elapsed since the date  
16 of such approval; and”.