108TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 1110

To extend Federal funding for operation of State high risk health insurance pools.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 6, 2003

Mr. Towns (for himself, Mr. Lipinski, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Christensen, Mr. Ross, Ms. Norton, Mr. Peterson of Minnesota, Mr. Ford, Ms. Woolsey, Mr. Frost, Mr. Owens, Ms. Carson of Indiana, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Grijalva, Mr. Hall, Ms. Velázquez, Mr. Wexler, and Mr. Lucas of Oklahoma) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 "State High Risk Pool
- 5 Funding Extension Act of 2003".

| 1 | SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF FUNDING FOR OPERATION OF |
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| 2 | STATE HIGH RISK HEALTH INSURANCE |
| 3 | POOLS. |
| 4 | Section 2745(c)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, |
| 5 | as inserted by section 201 of the Trade Act of 2002 (Pub- |
| 6 | lic Law 107–210), is amended— |
| 7 | (1) in subsection $(b)(1)$, by striking "estab- |
| 8 | lished a qualified health risk pool that" and all that |
| 9 | follows through the end of subparagraph (C) and in- |
| 10 | serting "established a qualified health risk pool that |
| 11 | provides for premium rates and covered benefits for |
| 12 | such coverage consistent with standards included in |
| 13 | the NAIC Model Health Plan for Uninsurable Indi- |
| 14 | viduals''; |
| 15 | (2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking "number of |
| 16 | uninsured individuals" and inserting "enrollees in |
| 17 | qualified high risk pools"; and |
| 18 | (3) in subsection $(c)(2)$, by striking |
| 19 | "\$40,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2003 and |
| 20 | 2004" and inserting "\$40,000,000 for fiscal year |
| 21 | 2003 and $$75,000,000$ for each of fiscal years 2004 |
| 22 | through 2009". |