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S. 2621

To amend the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, to temporarily reduce the insurer deductibles for insurers sustaining insured losses from large terrorism events.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCHUMER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Terrorism Risk Insur-
5 ance Improvement Act of 2008”.

6 **SEC. 2. LARGE EVENT RESET.**

7 The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 (15
8 U.S.C. 6701 note) is amended—

9 (1) in section 102(7)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (F), by striking
2 “and” at the end;

3 (B) in subparagraph (G), by striking the
4 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following new
6 subparagraph:

7 “(H) Notwithstanding subparagraph (f)(i),
8 if aggregate industry insured losses resulting
9 from a certified act of terrorism exceed
10 \$1,000,000,000, for any insurer that sustains
11 insured losses resulting from such act of ter-
12 rorism, the value of such insurer’s direct earned
13 premiums over the calendar year immediately
14 preceding the program year, multiplied by a
15 percentage, which—

16 “(i) for the Program Year consisting
17 of calendar year 2008 shall be 5 percent;
18 and

19 “(ii) for each Program Year there-
20 after, shall be 50 basis points greater than
21 the percentage applicable to the preceding
22 Program Year, except that if an act of ter-
23 rorism occurs during any such Program
24 Year that results in aggregate industry in-
25 sured losses exceeding \$1,000,000,000, the

percentage for the succeeding Program
Year shall be 5 percent and the increase
under this clause shall apply to Program
Years thereafter;

except that for purposes of determining under
this subparagraph whether aggregate industry
insured losses exceed \$1,000,000,000, the Sec-
retary may combine insured losses resulting
from two or more certified acts of terrorism oc-
curring during such Program Year in the same
geographic area (with such area determined by
the Secretary), in which case such insurer shall
be permitted to combine insured losses resulting
from such acts of terrorism for purposes of sat-
isfying its insurer deductible under this sub-
paragraph; and except that the insurer deduct-
ible under this subparagraph shall apply only
with respect to compensation of insured losses
resulting from such certified act, or combined
certified acts, and that for purposes of com-
pensation of any other insured losses occurring
in the same Program Year, the insurer deduct-
ible determined under subparagraph (F) shall
apply.”; and

(2) in section 103(e)(1)(b)—

1 (A) in clause (ii), by striking the period at
2 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

3 (B) by adding after and below clause (ii)
4 the following:

5 “except that if a certified act of terrorism occurs for
6 which resulting aggregate industry insured losses exceed
7 \$1,000,000,000, the applicable amount for any subsequent
8 certified act of terrorism shall be the amount specified in
9 section 102(1)(B)(ii).”.

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