

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3198

To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to prohibit government subsidies for the purchase of health plans by Members of Congress and congressional staff and to apply to Delegates and Resident Commissioners to the Congress, and to employees of committees and leadership offices of Congress, the requirement of such Act that the only health plans that the Federal Government may make available to Members of Congress and congressional staff are plans created or offered through an Exchange established under such Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2013

Mr. PEARCE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to prohibit government subsidies for the purchase of health plans by Members of Congress and congressional staff and to apply to Delegates and Resident Commissioners to the Congress, and to employees of committees and leadership offices of Congress, the requirement of such Act that the only health plans that the Federal Government may make available to Members of Congress and congressional staff are plans created or offered through an Exchange established under such Act.

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 “No Special Treatment
5 for Congress Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NO HEALTH CARE SUBSIDIES FOR MEMBERS OF**
7 **CONGRESS AND CONGRESSIONAL STAFF; AP-**
8 **PLICATION OF REQUIREMENTS TO DELE-**
9 **GATES, RESIDENT COMMISSIONERS TO CON-**
10 **GRESS, COMMITTEE STAFF, AND LEADERSHIP**
11 **OFFICE STAFF.**

12 Section 1312(d)(3)(D) of the Patient Protection and
13 Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18032(d)(3)(D)) is
14 amended by striking clause (ii) and inserting the following
15 clauses:

16 “(ii) NO PREMIUM ASSISTANCE FOR
17 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND CONGRES-
18 SIONAL STAFF.—Notwithstanding any
19 other provision of law or any regulation or
20 guidance promulgated by the Director of
21 the Office of Personnel Management, no
22 Federal funds shall be expended to pay
23 any portion of the premium for a health
24 plan purchased by a Member of Congress

1 or congressional staff pursuant to clause
2 (i).

3 “(iii) MEMBER OF CONGRESS DE-
4 FINED.—In this subparagraph, the term
5 ‘Member of Congress’ means any member
6 of the House of Representatives or the
7 Senate and includes a Delegate or Resi-
8 dent Commissioner to the Congress.

9 “(iv) CONGRESSIONAL STAFF.—In
10 this subparagraph, the term ‘Congressional
11 staff’ means a full-time or part-time em-
12 ployee of any of the following offices:

13 “(I) The office of any Member of
14 Congress.

15 “(II) The office of any standing,
16 select, or joint committee of Congress.

17 “(III) An office of the House of
18 Representatives for which the appro-
19 priation for salaries and expenses of
20 the office for the year involved is pro-
21 vided under the heading ‘House Lead-
22 ership Offices’ in the act making ap-
23 propriations for the Legislative
24 Branch for the fiscal year involved (in

1 addition to any office of a Member of
2 Congress referred to in subclause (I)).
3 “(IV) The offices of the Presi-
4 dent pro Tempore, Majority and Mi-
5 nority Leaders, Majority and Minority
6 Whips, Conferences of the Majority
7 and of the Minority, and Majority and
8 Minority Policy Committees of the
9 Senate (in addition to any office of a
10 Member of Congress referred to in
11 subclause (I)).”.

○