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H. R. 3783

To amend section 1101 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to extend for one year the high risk health insurance pool program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 16, 2013

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ‘‘Rate Protection Act of 2013’’.

SEC. 2. 1-YEAR EXTENSION OF HIGH RISK HEALTH INSURANCE POOL PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsections (a) and (g)(3) of section 1101 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care

Act (42 U.S.C. 18001) are each amended by striking "January 1, 2014" and inserting "January 1, 2015".

(b) TRANSITIONAL FUNDING.—Section 1101(g)(1) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is amended by inserting "(plus an additional amount, not to exceed $1,500,000,000)" after "$5,000,000,000".

(c) TRANSITIONAL RULES FOR 2014.—Section 1101(g)(3) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is amended—

(1) in the heading, by inserting "; TRANSITION" after "AUTHORITY"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(C) TREATMENT DURING 1-YEAR EXTENSION PERIOD.—In implementing this section during 2014, the following rules shall apply:

"(i) NO NEW ENROLLMENT.—Except as provided in clause (ii), eligible individuals are limited to those individuals who are enrolled in a qualified high risk pool through the program under this section as of December 31, 2013.

"(ii) TRANSITION FOR INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN A NON-FEDERALLY-OPERATED HIGH RISK POOL THAT TERMINATES

OPERATIONS IN 2014.—If a qualified high risk pool under this section is operated as of December 31, 2013, through a State or other eligible entity (other than the Federal Government) and such State or other eligible entity terminates operations of such pool after such date, the Secretary shall establish such procedures as may be necessary to enable eligible individuals who are enrolled in such qualified high risk pool as of the day before the date of the termination to enroll in the qualified high risk pool operated under this section by the Federal Government for the remainder of 2014.".

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