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H. R. 4210

To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to authorize the extension of the initial open enrollment period for up to 1 month, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 2014

Mr. SCHRADER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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

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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 “ACA Open Enrollment
5 Extension Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZING 1-MONTH EXTENSION OF INITIAL**
2 **OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1311(c)(6) of the Patient
4 Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C.
5 18031(c)(6)) is amended by adding after and below sub-
6 paragraph (D) the following: “The initial open enrollment
7 period under subparagraph (A) for an Exchange estab-
8 lished by a State shall be extended to end on a date (not
9 later than April 30, 2014) specified by the State, if the
10 State elects such extension (and specifies such ending
11 date) not later than March 31, 2014, and such enrollment
12 period for the Exchange established by the Secretary shall
13 be extended to end on a date (not later than April 30,
14 2014) specified by the Secretary, if the Secretary elects
15 such extension (and specifies such ending date) not later
16 than March 31, 2014.”.

17 (b) CONFORMING EXTENSION FOR PRIVATE COV-
18 ERAGE.—Section 2702(b) of the Public Health Service Act
19 (42 U.S.C. 300gg–1(b)) is amended by adding at the end
20 the following:

21 “(4) EXTENSION OF INITIAL OPEN ENROLL-
22 MENT OR SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD.—A health
23 insurance issuer described in subsection (a) that
24 provides an initial open enrollment period or special
25 enrollment period during March 2014, shall provide
26 for an extension of such period through the end of

1 the initial open enrollment period under section
2 1311(c)(6) of the Patient Protection and Affordable
3 Care Act applicable to the State in which the cov-
4 erage is offered.”.

5 (c) NONAPPLICATION OF PENALTY.—Section
6 5000A(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amend-
7 ed by adding at the end the following:

8 “(5) APPLICATION TO 2014.—For purposes of
9 imposing a penalty under this section for taxable
10 year 2014, the amount of the penalty to be imposed
11 shall not include any month ending on or before the
12 closing date of the initial open enrollment period
13 under section 1311(c)(6) of the Patient Protection
14 and Affordable Care Act for the State in which the
15 individual resides as of April 30, 2014.”.

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