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S. 1693

To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to extend the initial open enrollment period.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 13, 2013

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 Enrollment Ex-
5 tension Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD.**

7 (a) EXTENSION.—Section 1311(c)(6)(A) of the Pa-
8 tient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C.
9 18031(c)(6)(A)) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(A) an initial open enrollment period, to
 2 close on a date determined appropriate by the
 3 Secretary of Health and Human Services, and
 4 which shall be the later of—

5 “(i) May 31, 2014; or

6 “(ii) a later date determined by the
 7 Secretary after considering the progress
 8 made on improving the functionality of the
 9 Federally-facilitated health insurance mar-
 10 ketplace and related factors;”.

11 (b) EXTENSION FOR OTHER PLANS.—Section
 12 2702(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
 13 300gg–1(b)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 14 lowing:

15 “(4) INITIAL OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD.—A
 16 health insurance issuer described in subsection (a)
 17 that provides health insurance coverage in the indi-
 18 vidual market shall provide for an initial open enroll-
 19 ment or special enrollment period applicable to such
 20 coverage that begins on the effective date of this sec-
 21 tion and ends on the date determined by the Sec-
 22 retary of Health and Human Services under section
 23 1311(c)(6)(A) of the Patient Protection and Afford-
 24 able Care Act.”.

1 (c) NONAPPLICATION OF PENALTY.—Section
2 5000A(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amend-
3 ed by adding at the end the following:

4 “(E) APPLICATION TO 2014.—For purposes
5 of imposing a penalty under this section for
6 taxable year 2014, the amount of the penalty to
7 be imposed shall not include any month ending
8 prior to the closing date determined by the Sec-
9 retary of Health and Human Services under
10 section 1311(c)(6)(A) of the Patient Protection
11 and Affordable Care Act.”.

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