

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1849

To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide for
a fixed annual open enrollment period.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 18, 2013

Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. INHOFE, and
Mr. ISAKSON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and re-
ferred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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to provide for a fixed annual open enrollment period.

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 “Premium Disclosure
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIODS UNDER THE**
7 **ACA.**

8 Section 1311(c)(6) of the Patient Protection and Af-
9 fordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18031(c)(6)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting
2 the following:

3 “(B) annual open enrollment periods that
4 commence on October 15 and end on December
5 7 of each calendar year after the initial open
6 enrollment period, and such dates shall not be
7 subject to modification by any action of the
8 Secretary;”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following flush
10 sentence:

11 “The Secretary shall carry out activities that are de-
12 signed to broadly disseminate information to quali-
13 fied individuals (and individuals who may become
14 qualified individuals) concerning open enrollment pe-
15 riods, monthly beneficiary premiums, and beneficiary
16 cost-sharing requirements under qualified health
17 plans under this part. Such activities shall ensure
18 that such information is first made available to indi-
19 viduals at least 30 days prior to the initial open en-
20 rollment period.”.

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