

114TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5960

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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 “The Consumer
5 Healthcare Insurance Transparency Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. MAKING PUBLICLY AVAILABLE THROUGH 2021 PRE-**
2 **MIUM RATE INCREASES FOR HEALTH INSUR-**
3 **ANCE PLANS IN ADVANCE.**

4 Section 2709 of the Public Health Service Act (42
5 U.S.C. 300gg–9) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new subsection:

7 “(c) **ADVANCED PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF PREMIUM**
8 **AMOUNTS THROUGH 2021.—**

9 “(1) **REPORT.**—For 2017 through 2021, not
10 later than the date specified in paragraph (4), the
11 Secretary shall publish on the Internet website of
12 the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services the in-
13 formation described in paragraph (2) with respect to
14 health insurance coverage described in such para-
15 graph that is offered for such year.

16 “(2) **INFORMATION DESCRIBED.**—The informa-
17 tion described in this paragraph is, with respect to
18 group or individual health insurance coverage that a
19 group health plan or health insurance issuer offers
20 to a small employer or an individual for a year, such
21 information as the Secretary may have obtained by
22 the date specified in paragraph (4) regarding any
23 changes in the premium rates available under such
24 coverage for such year (as compared to the prior
25 year).

1 “(3) NO NEW AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE INFOR-
2 MATION.—Nothing in this subsection may be con-
3 strued to provide the Secretary with new authority
4 to require a group health plan or health insurance
5 issuer to submit information to the Secretary.

6 “(4) DATE SPECIFIED.—The date specified in
7 this paragraph, with respect to a year, is November
8 1 of the prior year.”.

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