

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 158

To authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current group health insurance coverage in satisfaction of the minimum essential health insurance coverage requirement, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 13, 2015

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. VITTER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current group health insurance coverage in satisfaction of the minimum essential health insurance coverage requirement, and for other purposes.

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 “Employee Health Care
5 Protection Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. IF YOU LIKE YOUR GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE**
 2 **PLAN, YOU CAN KEEP IT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any provision of
 4 the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (including
 5 any amendment made by such Act or by the Health Care
 6 and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010), a health insur-
 7 ance issuer that has in effect health insurance coverage
 8 in the group market on any date during 2013 may after
 9 such date offer such coverage for sale through December
 10 31, 2018, in such market outside of an Exchange estab-
 11 lished under section 1311 or 1321 of such Act (42 U.S.C.
 12 18031, 18041). A group health plan shall not be treated
 13 as not complying with the requirements of such Act (or
 14 the amendments made by such Acts) insofar as it provides
 15 health benefits through health insurance coverage that is
 16 permitted under the previous sentence.

17 (b) TREATMENT AS GRANDFATHERED HEALTH
 18 PLAN IN SATISFACTION OF MINIMUM ESSENTIAL COV-
 19 ERAGE.—Health insurance coverage described in sub-
 20 section (a) shall be treated as a grandfathered health plan
 21 for purposes of the amendment made by section 1501(b)
 22 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

23 (c) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be
 24 construed as affecting the authority of States with respect

3

- 1 to the regulation of health insurance coverage in the group
- 2 market.

○