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1ST SESSION

S. 531

To permit health insurance issuers to offer additional plan options to individuals.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 23, 2015

Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE) 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 “Removing Limitations
5 on Insurance Effectiveness and Flexibility Act of 2015”
6 or the “ReLIEF Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO OFFER ADDITIONAL PLAN OPTIONS.**

8 (a) CATASTROPHIC PLANS.—Notwithstanding title I
9 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public
10 Law 111–148), a catastrophic plan as described in section

1 1302(e) of such Act shall be deemed to be a qualified
2 health plan (including for purposes of receiving tax credits
3 under section 36B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
4 and cost-sharing assistance under section 1402 of this
5 Act), except that for purposes of enrollment in such plans,
6 the provisions of paragraph (2) of such section 1302(e)
7 shall not apply.

8 (b) INDIVIDUAL MANDATE.—Coverage under a cata-
9 strophic plan under subsection (a) shall be deemed to be
10 minimum essential coverage for purposes of section 5000A
11 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

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