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H. R. 521

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption to the individual mandate to maintain health coverage for individuals residing in counties with fewer than 2 health insurance issuers offering plans on an Exchange.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 13, 2017

Mr. AMODEI (for himself, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. PITTENGER, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, and Mr. HUIZENGA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Protection from Insur-
5 ance Exchange Monopolies Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATIONS TO EXEMPTION FROM REQUIRE-**
 2 **MENT TO MAINTAIN HEALTH COVERAGE.**

3 (a) EXEMPTION FOR INDIVIDUALS IN AREAS WITH
 4 FEWER THAN 2 ISSUERS OFFERING PLANS ON AN EX-
 5 CHANGE.—Section 5000A(e) of the Internal Revenue Code
 6 of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following
 7 new paragraph:

8 “(6) INDIVIDUALS IN AREAS WITH FEWER
 9 THAN 2 ISSUERS OFFERING PLANS ON AN EX-
 10 CHANGE.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any applicable indi-
 12 vidual for any period during a calendar year if
 13 there are fewer than 2 health insurance issuers
 14 offering qualified health plans on an Exchange
 15 for such period in the county in which the ap-
 16 plicable individual resides.

17 “(B) AGGREGATION RULES.—For purposes
 18 of subparagraph (A), all health insurance
 19 issuers treated as a single employer under sub-
 20 section (a) or (b) of section 52, or subsection
 21 (m) or (o) of section 414, shall be treated as a
 22 single health insurance issuer.”.

23 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 24 this section shall apply to months beginning after the date
 25 of the enactment of this Act.