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# S. 2507

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 7, 2018

Mr. BARRASSO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## 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 “Improving Choices in  
5 Health Care Coverage Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SHORT-TERM LIMITED DURATION INSURANCE.**

7       (a) DEFINITION.—Section 2791(b) of the Public  
8 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–91(b)) is amended  
9 by adding at the end the following:

1                 “(6) SHORT-TERM LIMITED DURATION INSUR-  
2         ANCE.—The term ‘short-term limited duration insur-  
3         ance’ means health insurance coverage provided pur-  
4         suant to a contract with a health insurance issuer  
5         that has an expiration date specified in the contract  
6         (not taking into account any extensions that may be  
7         elected by the policyholder with or without the  
8         issuer’s consent) that is less than 12 months after  
9         the original effective date of the contract.”.

10                 (b) GUARANTEED RENEWABILITY.—Section 2703 of  
11         the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg-2) is  
12         amended—

13                         (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “or offers  
14         short-term limited duration insurance” after “group  
15         market”; and

16                         (2) by adding at the end the following:

17                 “(f) APPLICATION TO SHORT-TERM LIMITED DURA-  
18         TION INSURANCE.—

19                         “(1) IN GENERAL.—In applying this section in  
20         the case of short-term limited duration insurance—

21                                 “(A) a reference to ‘health insurance cov-  
22         erage’ with respect to such coverage offered in  
23         the individual market shall be deemed to in-  
24         clude short-term limited duration insurance;  
25         and

1                 “(B) a reference to ‘health insurance  
2                 issuer’ with respect to health insurance cov-  
3                 erage offered in the individual market shall be  
4                 deemed to include an issuer of short-term lim-  
5                 ited duration insurance.

6                 “(2) SPECIAL RULE FOR SHORT-TERM LIMITED  
7                 DURATION INSURANCE.—In the case of short-term  
8                 limited duration insurance, at the time of application  
9                 for enrollment in such insurance coverage, an indi-  
10                 vidual may decline renewability of such coverage in  
11                 accordance with this section, and the contract be-  
12                 tween such individual and the health insurance  
13                 issuer shall specify whether the individual opted for  
14                 renewability or no renewability.”.

15                 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-  
16                 sections (a) and (b) shall apply with respect to contracts  
17                 for short-term limited duration insurance that take effect  
18                 on or after May 1, 2018.

