

AMENDMENT

OFFERED BY M .

In the section 2711 of the Public Health Service Act proposed to be added by section 133 (relating to continuous coverage), add at the end the following:

1 “(c) OPTION FOR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP EXCEPTION
2 TO CONTINUOUS COVERAGE REQUIREMENT.—In the case
3 that either the Secretary or a State elects, with respect
4 to individuals in such State who are applicable policy-
5 holders of coverage described in subsection (a) for a plan
6 year and who will experience financial hardship during the
7 enforcement period for enrollments in such plan year, to
8 specify and apply a reasonable exception to the penalty
9 applied by this section with respect to such individuals,
10 such Secretary or State (as applicable) may so specify and
11 apply such exception.”.

