

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

114TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to better align the grace period required for non-payment of premiums before discontinuing coverage under qualified health plans with such grace periods provided for under State law.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ALIGNING QUALIFIED HEALTH PLAN GRACE**  
2 **PERIOD REQUIREMENTS WITH STATE LAW**  
3 **GRACE PERIOD REQUIREMENTS.**

4 Section 1412(c)(2) of the Patient Protection and Af-  
5 fordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18082(c)(2)) is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (B)(iv)(II), by striking “a  
7 3-month grace period” and inserting “a grace period  
8 specified in subparagraph (C)”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
10 paragraph:

11 “(C) GRACE PERIOD SPECIFIED.—For pur-  
12 poses of subparagraph (B)(iv)(II), the grace pe-  
13 riod specified in this subparagraph is—

14 “(i) for plan years beginning before  
15 January 1, 2017, a 3-month grace period;  
16 and

17 “(ii) for plan years beginning during  
18 2017 or a subsequent year, such grace pe-  
19 riod for non-payment of premiums before  
20 discontinuing coverage as is applicable  
21 under the State law of the State in which  
22 the Exchange operates to health insurance  
23 coverage offered in the individual market  
24 (or, in the case such a State law is not in  
25 place for the State involved, a 30-day  
26 grace period).”.