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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Flores introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ________________________

A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

2 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

3 This Act may be cited as the “Health Coverage State Flexibility Act of 2017”.

January 26, 2017 (3:05 p.m.)
SEC. 2. ALIGNING QUALIFIED HEALTH PLAN GRACE PERIOD REQUIREMENTS WITH STATE LAW

GRACE PERIOD REQUIREMENTS.

Section 1412(c)(2) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18082(c)(2)) is amended—

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

(2) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(C) GRACE PERIOD SPECIFIED.—For purposes of subparagraph (B)(iv)(II), the grace period specified in this subparagraph is—

“(i) for plan years beginning before January 1, 2018, a 3-month grace period; and

“(ii) for plan years beginning during 2018 or a subsequent year, such grace period for non-payment of premiums before discontinuing coverage as is applicable under the State law of the State in which the Exchange operates to health insurance coverage offered in the individual market (or, in the case such a State law is not in place for the State involved, a 1-month grace period).”.