

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2572

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2005

Mr. ANDREWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 “Reservist Health Care
5 Continuity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF EMPLOYER HEALTH CARE COV-**
2 **ERAGE FOR ENTIRE PERIOD OF ABSENCE**
3 **FOR DEPENDENTS OF NATIONAL GUARDS-**
4 **MEN AND RESERVISTS CALLED TO ACTIVE**
5 **DUTY.**

6 Section 4317(a)(1)(A) of title 38, United States
7 Code, is amended—

8 (1) by inserting “(i) in the case of an employer
9 with 20 or fewer employees” after “(A)”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new
11 clause:

12 “(ii) in the case of an employer with more than
13 20 employees, the period of such absence; or”.

14 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT FOR GOVERNMENT REIMBURSE-**
15 **MENT FOR EMPLOYER SHARE OF HEALTH**
16 **CARE PREMIUMS.**

17 Section 4317(a) of such title is further amended by
18 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

19 “(4) The Secretary of Defense shall reimburse an em-
20 ployer for the employer share of any premiums for health
21 care coverage provided pursuant to this section to a person
22 performing service in the uniformed services for each
23 month during the period of such service.”.