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H. R. 6908

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

Mr. BURGESS (for himself and Mr. STUPAK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor and Ways and Means, 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

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 “Health Insurance
5 Source of Injury Clarification Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.**

2 (a) ERISA.—Section 702(a)(2)(B) of the Employee
3 Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C.
4 1182(a)(2)(B)) is amended by inserting before the period
5 at the end the following: “so long as—

6 “(i) such limitations and restrictions
7 are explicit and clear;

8 “(ii) in the case of such limitations
9 and restrictions in health insurance cov-
10 erage offered in connection with the group
11 health plan, such limitations and restric-
12 tions have been disclosed to the plan spon-
13 sor in advance of the point of sale to the
14 plan;

15 “(iii) the plan sponsor and the issuer
16 of the health insurance coverage make
17 available, to participants and beneficiaries
18 in the plan in advance of the point of their
19 enrollment under the plan, a description of
20 such limitations and restrictions in a form
21 that is easily understandable by such par-
22 ticipants and beneficiaries; and

23 “(iv) the plan sponsor and the issuer
24 of the coverage provide such description to
25 participants and beneficiaries upon their
26 enrollment under the plan”.

1 (b) PHSA.—Section 2702(a)(2)(B) of the Public
2 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–1(a)(2)(B)) is
3 amended by inserting before the period at the end the fol-
4 lowing: “so long as—

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13 plan;

14 “(iii) the plan sponsor and the issuer
15 of the group health insurance coverage
16 make available, to participants and bene-
17 ficiaries in the plan in advance of the point
18 of their enrollment under the plan, a de-
19 scription of such limitations and restric-
20 tions in a form that is easily understand-
21 able by such participants and beneficiaries;
22 and

23 “(iv) the plan sponsor and the issuer
24 of the coverage provides such description

1 to participants and beneficiaries upon their
2 enrollment under the plan”.

3 (c) INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.—Section
4 9802(a)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
5 amended by inserting before the period at the end the fol-
6 lowing: “so long as—

7 “(i) such limitations and restrictions
8 are explicit and clear;

9 “(ii) the group health plan makes
10 available, to participants and beneficiaries
11 in the plan in advance of the point of their
12 enrollment under the plan, a description of
13 such limitations and restrictions in a form
14 that is easily understandable by such par-
15 ticipants and beneficiaries; and

16 “(iii) the plan provides such descrip-
17 tion to participants and beneficiaries upon
18 their enrollment under the plan”.

19 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
20 this Act shall apply with respect to plan years beginning
21 after 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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