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H. R. 3776

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a 100 percent deduction for the health insurance costs of individuals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Helping Make Health
5 Insurance Affordable for Individuals and Small Busi-
6 nesses Act of 2009”.

7 **SEC. 2. DEDUCTION FOR QUALIFIED HEALTH INSURANCE**
8 **COSTS OF INDIVIDUALS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part VII of subchapter B of chap-
10 ter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to

1 additional itemized deductions) is amended by redesignig-
2 nating section 224 as section 225 and by inserting after
3 section 223 the following new section:

4 **“SEC. 224. COSTS OF QUALIFIED HEALTH INSURANCE.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an individual,
6 there shall be allowed as a deduction an amount equal to
7 the amount paid during the taxable year for coverage for
8 the taxpayer, his spouse, and dependents under qualified
9 health insurance.

10 “(b) QUALIFIED HEALTH INSURANCE.—For pur-
11 poses of this section, the term ‘qualified health insurance’
12 means insurance which constitutes medical care; except
13 that such term shall not include any insurance if substan-
14 tially all of its coverage is of excepted benefits described
15 in section 9832(c).

16 “(c) SPECIAL RULES.—

17 “(1) COORDINATION WITH MEDICAL DEDUC-
18 TION, ETC.—Any amount paid by a taxpayer for in-
19 surance to which subsection (a) applies shall not be
20 taken into account in computing the amount allow-
21 able to the taxpayer as a deduction under section
22 162(l) or 213(a). Any amount taken into account in
23 determining the credit allowed under section 35 shall
24 not be taken into account for purposes of this sec-
25 tion.

1 “(2) DEDUCTION NOT ALLOWED FOR SELF-EM-
2 PLOYMENT TAX PURPOSES.—The deduction allow-
3 able by reason of this section shall not be taken into
4 account in determining an individual’s net earnings
5 from self-employment (within the meaning of section
6 1402(a)) for purposes of chapter 2.”.

7 (b) DEDUCTION ALLOWED IN COMPUTING AD-
8 JUSTED GROSS INCOME.—Subsection (a) of section 62 of
9 such Code is amended by inserting before the last sentence
10 the following new paragraph:

11 “(22) COSTS OF QUALIFIED HEALTH INSUR-
12 ANCE.—The deduction allowed by section 224.”.

13 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
14 for part VII of subchapter B of chapter 1 of such Code
15 is amended by redesignating the item relating to section
16 224 as an item relating to section 225 and inserting before
17 such item the following new item:

 “Sec. 224. Costs of qualified health insurance.”.

18 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
19 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
20 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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