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H. R. 6436

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 5, 2016

Mr. HECK of Washington (for himself, Mr. SHERMAN, and Ms. KUSTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “U.S. Insurance Regu-
5 lation Works Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The State-based system for insurance regu-
2 lation in the United States has served American con-
3 sumers well for more than 150 years.

4 (2) Protecting policyholders by guaranteeing an
5 insurer’s ability to pay claims has been the hallmark
6 of the successful U.S. system and should be the
7 paramount objective of domestic prudential regula-
8 tion and emerging international standards.

9 (3) The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and
10 Consumer Protection Act (Public Law 111–203) re-
11 affirmed the State-based insurance regulatory sys-
12 tem, while giving the Board of Governors of the
13 Federal Reserve System authority to regulate certain
14 non-bank entities on a consolidated basis, including
15 insurers that have been designated systemically im-
16 portant financial institutions or that include an in-
17 sured depository institution and are regulated by the
18 States at the insurance entity level.

19 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT THAT INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE**
20 **STANDARDS REFLECT UNITED STATES POL-**
21 **ICY.**

22 Before assenting to any international insurance regu-
23 latory proposal, including proposals developed by the
24 International Association of Insurance Supervisors, par-

1 ties representing the Federal Government shall ensure
2 that—

3 (1) the proposal is consistent with and reflective
4 of existing Federal and State laws, regulations, and
5 policies on regulation of insurance, including the pri-
6 macy of policyholder protection in solvency regula-
7 tion; and

8 (2) existing Federal and State laws, regula-
9 tions, and policies on the regulation of insurance
10 would be recognized as satisfying such proposals.

11 **SEC. 4. STATE INSURANCE REGULATOR INVOLVEMENT IN**
12 **INTERNATIONAL STANDARD SETTING.**

13 Parties representing the Federal Government in any
14 international regulatory, standard-setting, or supervisory
15 forum or in any negotiations of any international agree-
16 ments relating to insurance shall, on matters related to
17 insurance, consult with and seek to include in such meet-
18 ings, State insurance commissioners or their designees.

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