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H. R. 2411

To provide that certain current and former Federal employees and members of the Armed Forces may enroll in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2017

Mr. ISSA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on 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. ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS FOR**
4 **THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENE-**
5 **FITS PROGRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
7 sion of law, any current or former Federal employee who

1 is not otherwise eligible to enroll in the Federal Employees
2 Health Benefits Program under chapter 89 of title 5,
3 United States Code, may enroll in such Program begin-
4 ning in calendar year 2018.

5 (b) REGULATIONS.—Except as provided under this
6 section, the Office of Personnel Management shall pre-
7 scribe regulations to apply the provisions of such chapter
8 to the greatest extent practicable to individuals enrolled
9 under this section.

10 (c) DENTAL AND VISION BENEFITS.—The Office
11 shall issue regulations necessary to enroll such individuals
12 in dental or vision benefits plans offered under chapter
13 89A or 89B of title 5, United States Code, respectively,
14 consistent with the requirements of such section.

15 (d) RISK POOL.—The Office shall ensure that indi-
16 viduals enrolled under this section shall be in the same
17 risk pool maintained for employees (as that term is de-
18 fined in section 8901(1) of chapter 89 of such title).

19 (e) PROHIBITION ON GOVERNMENT CONTRIBU-
20 TION.—No Government contribution shall be made for any
21 individual enrolled under this section.

22 (f) AVAILABILITY OF TAX CREDIT.—For purposes of
23 section 36B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, any
24 coverage under this section shall be treated as coverage

1 under a health plan offered in the individual market within
2 a State.

3 (g) DEFINITION OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEE.—In this
4 section, the term “Federal employee” includes any mem-
5 ber of the Armed Forces or veteran (as that term is de-
6 fined in section 101 of title 38, United States Code) of
7 the Armed Forces.

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