

S 3297

Relief from Obamacare Mandate Act of 2016

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** AR • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (19 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]	R · NH		Sep 7, 2016
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Sep 7, 2016
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Sep 7, 2016
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Sep 7, 2016
Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		Sep 7, 2016
Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]	R · IL		Sep 7, 2016
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Sep 7, 2016
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Sep 7, 2016
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Sep 7, 2016
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Sep 12, 2016
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Sep 12, 2016
Sen. Perdue, David [R-GA]	R · GA		Sep 12, 2016
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Sep 12, 2016
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Sep 13, 2016
Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]	R · PA		Sep 15, 2016
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Sep 20, 2016
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Sep 20, 2016
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Sep 20, 2016
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Sep 21, 2016

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 6019	Identical bill	Sep 19, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
114 S 3251	Identical bill	Jul 14, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
114 HR 1547	Related bill	Apr 7, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
114 S 836	Related bill	Mar 23, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Sep 7, 2016)

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This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) to exempt individuals with certain premium increases from the requirement under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) to maintain minimum essential health coverage.

The exemption applies to any individual for any month during a year that the individual resides in a state in which the average premium for self-only or family coverage under the second lowest cost silver plans within the state has increased by more than 10% from the prior year.

The bill also requires the cost of annual deductibles to be taken into account in applying the exemption for individuals who cannot afford coverage.

The bill repeals provisions added to the IRC by PPACA that: (1) restrict payments from health savings accounts (HSAs), Archer medical savings accounts (MSAs), and health flexible spending and reimbursement arrangements for medications to prescription drugs and insulin only (thus allowing payments for over-the-counter medications); (2) impose a \$2,500 limitation on salary reduction contributions to a health flexible spending arrangement under a cafeteria plan; and (3) impose an additional tax on HSA and Archer MSA distributions not used for qualified medical expenses.

Actions Timeline

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