

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 145

To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to ensure that preexisting condition exclusions with respect to enrollment in health insurance coverage and group health plans continue to be prohibited.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio (for himself and Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Continuing Coverage
5 for Preexisting Conditions Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENSURING THE PROHIBITION OF PREEXISTING**
2 **CONDITION EXCLUSIONS WITH RESPECT TO**
3 **ENROLLMENT IN HEALTH INSURANCE COV-**
4 **ERAGE AND GROUP HEALTH PLANS.**

5 Part I of subtitle F of title I of the Patient Protection
6 and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18091 et seq.) is
7 amended by adding at the end the following section:

8 **“SEC. 1503. SEVERABILITY.**

9 “If subsection (a) of section 5000A of the Internal
10 Revenue Code of 1986, as added by section 1501(b), is
11 to any extent illegal, unconstitutional, otherwise invalid,
12 or incapable of being enforced, the validity and enforce-
13 ability of sections 2701 through 2705 of the Public Health
14 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg through 300gg–4), as added
15 by section 1201, shall not be affected. Nothing in the pre-
16 vious sentence shall be construed to affect the severability
17 of any provision of this Act that is not specified in the
18 previous sentence.”.

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