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TEXT OF H.R. 1549, HELPING SICK AMERICANS
NOW ACT

**[Showing the text of H.R. 1549 as ordered reported by the
Committee on Energy and Commerce.]**

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Helping Sick Ameri-
3 cans Now Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PRIORITIZING FUNDING FOR SICK AMERICANS.**

5 Section 4002(c) of Public Law 111–148 (42 U.S.C.
6 300u–11(e)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing: “Notwithstanding any other provision of this sec-
8 tion, the Secretary shall transfer amounts that are in the
9 Fund that are attributable to fiscal year 2013 that are
10 not otherwise obligated as of the date of the enactment
11 of this sentence and funds that would otherwise be made
12 available to the Fund for fiscal year 2014, fiscal year
13 2015, and fiscal year 2016 to the account within the De-
14 partment of Health and Human Services that provides for
15 funding to carry out the temporary high risk health insur-
16 ance pool program under section 1101 and such funds
17 shall become available for obligation under such section

1 on such date of enactment and remain so available
2 through December 31, 2013.”.

3 **SEC. 3. IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE FOR SICK**
4 **AMERICANS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1101(d) of Public Law
6 111–148 (42 U.S.C. 18001(d)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end
8 “and”;

9 (2) by striking paragraph (2); and

10 (3) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
11 graph (2).

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
13 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to individuals ap-
14 plying for coverage through the high risk insurance pool
15 program on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

16 **SEC. 4. ENSURING AN ORDERLY REOPENING OF THE PRO-**
17 **GRAM FOR SICK AMERICANS.**

18 Section 1101(b) of Public Law 111–148 (42 U.S.C.
19 18001(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following
20 new paragraph:

21 “(4) ORDERLY REOPENING OF PROGRAM.—The
22 Secretary shall administer this section in accordance
23 with the regulations under part 152 of title 45, Code
24 of Federal Regulations, as in effect as of April 16,
25 2013, except as is necessary to reflect the amend-

1 ments made by the Helping Sick Americans Now
2 Act.”.

