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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1

OFFERED BY MR. SESTAK OF PENNSYLVANIA

Page 389, insert after line 15 the following new section (and redesignate subsequent sections and revise the table of contents accordingly):

1 **SEC. 3002. TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF BASIC PERIOD OF**
2 **COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE FROM 18**
3 **MONTHS TO 24 MONTHS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—In any case in which an individual
5 is eligible for and has elected continuation coverage under
6 a COBRA continuation coverage provision as of the date
7 of the enactment of this Act and the period of continuation
8 coverage applicable with respect to such individual under
9 such provision would (but for this section) end before the
10 end of the period of 12 calendar months following the date
11 of the enactment of this Act by reason of a limitation
12 under such provision of such coverage to 18 months after
13 the date of the qualifying event, such limitation shall be
14 extended to the earlier of—

15 (1) the end of such period of 12-calendar
16 months, or

17 (2) 24 months after the date of the qualifying
18 event.

1 (b) COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE PROVI-
2 SION.—For purposes of this section, the term "COBRA
3 continuation coverage provision" means—
4 (1) part 6 of subtitle B of title I of the Em-
5 ployee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974,
6 (2) title XXII of the Public Health Service Act,
7 (3) section 4980B of the Internal Revenue Code
8 of 1986, or
9 (4) section 8905a of title 5, United States
10 Code.