

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 844

To allow an earlier start for State health care coverage innovation waivers
under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 2011

Mr. WELCH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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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innovation waivers under the Patient Protection and Af-
fordable Care Act.

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 “Empowering States
5 to Innovate Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EARLIER START FOR STATE HEALTH CARE COV-**
2 **ERAGE INNOVATION WAIVERS.**

3 Section 1332(a) of the Patient Protection and Af-
4 fordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18052(a)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “January 1,
6 2017” and inserting “January 1, 2014”; and

7 (2) in paragraph (4)(B)(ii), by inserting “begin-
8 ning not later than 180 days after the date of the
9 enactment of the Empowering States to Innovate
10 Act” after “application”.

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