

AMENDMENT TO H.R.
OFFERED BY MR. HUNTER OF CALIFORNIA

In section 311, insert before “An employer” the following: “(a) IN GENERAL.—”.

Add at the end of section 311 the following new subsection:

1 (b) **HARDSHIP EXEMPTION.**—Notwithstanding any
2 other provision of this part, an employer may, in a form
3 and manner which shall be prescribed by the Secretary,
4 apply to the Secretary for a waiver from the health coverage
5 participation requirements of this part for any 2-
6 year period. The Secretary shall grant the waiver within
7 30 days after submission of the application if the application
8 reasonably demonstrates to the Secretary that meeting
9 the requirements of this part would result in job losses
10 that would negatively impact the employer or the community
11 in which the employer is located.

