

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BUDD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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. TREATMENT OF HEALTH CARE SHARING MIN-**  
4                       **ISTRIES AS A MEDICAL EXPENSE AND NOT AS**  
5                       **INSURANCE.**

6       (a) TREATMENT AS A MEDICAL EXPENSE.—Section  
7       213(d)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amend-  
8       ed by striking “or” at the end of subparagraph (C), by  
9       striking the period at the end of subparagraph (D) and

1 inserting “, or”, and by adding at the end the following  
2 new subparagraph:

3 “(E) for membership in a health care shar-  
4 ing ministry (as defined in section  
5 5000A(d)(2)(B)(ii) without regard to subclause  
6 (IV) thereof), including—

7 “(i) the sharing of medical expenses  
8 with respect to such ministry, and

9 “(ii) the payment of administrative  
10 fees of such ministry.”.

11 (b) HEALTH CARE SHARING MINISTRY NOT TREAT-  
12 ED AS A HEALTH PLAN OR INSURANCE.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 79 of the Internal  
14 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after  
15 section 7702B the following new section:

16 **“SEC. 7702C. TREATMENT OF HEALTH CARE SHARING MIN-**  
17 **ISTRIES.**

18 “For purposes of this title, a health care sharing min-  
19 istry (as defined in section 5000A(d)(2)(B)(ii) without re-  
20 gard to subclause (IV) thereof) shall not be treated as a  
21 health plan or as insurance.”.

22 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
23 tions for chapter 79 of such Code is amended by in-  
24 serting after the item relating to section 7702B the  
25 following new item:

“Sec. 7702C. Treatment of health care sharing ministries.”.

1       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
2 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
3 December 31, 2025.