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AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 4872
OFFERED BY MR. Gingrey (GA)

Page 9, after line 9, insert the following new subsection:

1 (c) OPT-OUT AUTHORITY.—Section 5000A of the Internal Revenue
2 Code of 1986, as added by section 1501(b) of the Patient Protection
3 and Affordable Care Act, is amended by adding at the end the
4 following new subsection:

5 “(h) OPT-OUT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Health and Human
6 Services shall provide procedures by which any United States
7 citizen otherwise subject to the requirements of subsection (a) may
8 choose to decline adherence to the individual responsibility to
9 obtain minimum essential coverage. The Secretary shall not
10 establish any criteria that may limit an individual’s choice to
11 decline adherence to the individual responsibility to obtain such
12 coverage. No penalty may be imposed under subsection (b) to any
13 individual who so declines adherence to the individual
14 responsibility to obtain such coverage.”.