

119TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 6479

To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require the establishment of an Exchange in Puerto Rico, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 4, 2025

Mr. SOTO (for himself and Mr. HERNÁNDEZ) 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

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Puerto Rico Affordable  
5 Care Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EX-**  
2 **CHANGE IN PUERTO RICO.**

3 Section 1304(d) of the Patient Protection and Af-  
4 fordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18024(d)) is amended by  
5 inserting “and, beginning on the date that is 1 year after  
6 the date of the enactment of the Puerto Rico Affordable  
7 Care Act of 2025, Puerto Rico” before the period.

8 **SEC. 3. ENSURING APPLICATION OF HEALTH INSURANCE**  
9 **MARKET REFORMS IN PUERTO RICO.**

10 Notwithstanding the letter sent by the Administrator  
11 of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to the  
12 Commissioner of Insurance of Puerto Rico on July 16,  
13 2014, relating to the applicability of certain provisions of  
14 title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
15 300gg et seq.) in Puerto Rico, the Secretary of Health  
16 and Human Services shall, beginning on the date that is  
17 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, apply  
18 such provisions to health insurance coverage (as defined  
19 in section 2791 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–91)) offered  
20 in Puerto Rico.

21 **SEC. 4. APPLICATION OF PREMIUM TAX CREDITS IN PUER-**  
22 **TO RICO.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 36B of the Internal Rev-  
24 enue Code of 1986 is amended by redesignating subsection  
25 (h) as subsection (i) and by inserting after subsection (g)  
26 the following new subsection:

1       “(h) APPLICATION OF TAX CREDIT TO RESIDENTS  
2 OF PUERTO RICO.—For purposes of subsections  
3 (b)(2)(A), (b)(3)(C), (b)(3)(D)(ii), and (c)(2)(A)(i), Puer-  
4 to Rico shall be treated in the same manner as a State.”.

5       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
6 this section shall apply to months beginning on or after  
7 the date that is 1 year after the date of the enactment  
8 of this Act.

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