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**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3200
OFFERED BY MR. PALLONE**

At the end of title V of division C, add the following:

1 **Subtitle _____—Community Living**
2 **Assistance Services and Supports**

3 **SEC. ____ . ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL VOLUNTARY IN-**
4 **SURANCE PROGRAM FOR PURCHASING COM-**
5 **MUNITY LIVING ASSISTANCE SERVICES AND**
6 **SUPPORT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Public Health Service Act
8 (42 U.S.C. 201 et seq.), as amended, is amended by add-
9 ing at the end the following:

10 **“TITLE XXXII—COMMUNITY LIV-**
11 **ING ASSISTANCE SERVICES**
12 **AND SUPPORTS**

13 **“SEC. 3201. IN GENERAL.**

14 “The Secretary shall establish a national voluntary,
15 insurance program to be known as the CLASS Independ-
16 ence Benefit Plan for purchasing community living assist-
17 ance services and supports. Such program shall—

18 “(1) provide individuals who have functional
19 limitations with tools that will allow them—

1 “(A) to maintain their personal and finan-
2 cial independence; and

3 “(B) to live in the community through a
4 new financing strategy for community living as-
5 sistance services and supports;

6 “(2) establish an infrastructure that will help
7 address the Nation’s community living assistance
8 services and supports needs;

9 “(3) alleviate burdens on family caregivers; and

10 “(4) address institutional bias by providing a fi-
11 nancing mechanism that supports personal choice
12 and independence to live in the community.

13 **“SEC. 3202. DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF PRO-**
14 **GRAM.**

15 “The Secretary shall develop the CLASS Independ-
16 ence Benefit Plan in an actuarially sound manner and—

17 “(1) set criteria for participation in the CLASS
18 Independence Benefit Plan that do not restrict eligi-
19 bility based on underwriting;

20 “(2) establish criteria for eligibility for benefits;

21 “(3) establish benefit levels;

22 “(4) establish mechanisms for collecting and
23 distributing payments;

24 “(5) provide mechanisms to assist beneficiaries
25 in the use of benefits;

1 “(6) promulgate such regulations as are nec-
2 essary to carry out the CLASS program in accord-
3 ance with this title; and

4 “(7) take any other action appropriate to de-
5 velop, manage, and maintain the CLASS Independ-
6 ence Benefit Plan, including making adjustments to
7 benefits paid out and premiums collected in order
8 to—

9 “(A) maintain program solvency; and

10 “(B) ensure the program remains deficit
11 neutral.

12 **“SEC. 3203. REPORT.**

13 “The Secretary shall submit to the Congress an an-
14 nual report on the program under this title.”

15 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Title XXXII of the Public
16 Health Service Act, as added by subsection (a), shall take
17 effect on the effective date of a statute establishing a vol-
18 untary payroll deduction under the Internal Revenue Code
19 of 1986 to support the program authorized by such title.



