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AMENDMENT

**OFFERED BY MR. SHADEGG OF ARIZONA
ENSURE TREATMENT OF BREAST CANCER**

Insert the following new Section after Section 137:

SEC. 138. ENSURE TREATMENT OF BREAST CANCER

(a) Findings

- (1) The five-year survival rate for breast cancer is significantly higher in the United States compared to countries with government-run health care systems.
- (2) Based on a 2008 Lancet Oncology study, the five-year breast cancer survival in the United States is 84%, compared to 82% in Canada, 73% in Europe, and 69% in England.
- (3) Medical innovation, drug development, expeditious diagnosis and timely treatment has made the United States the world leader in breast cancer treatment, resulting in dramatically better outcomes for American breast cancer patients.

(b) The Government Accountability Office shall conduct an annual study concerning the treatment of breast cancer in the United States. The study shall focus on changes in the five-year survival rate for breast cancer.

(c) The Secretary shall certify, beginning in Y1 and annually thereafter, whether the five-year breast cancer survival rate has decreased by .01% or more. If the Secretary certifies a decrease, women and families with at least one female member may choose a health care plan free of the health benefit mandates imposed under Section 124 of the bill. Individuals choosing this option are still eligible for the subsidies offered to those buying government-approved plans in the National Exchange.