

Analysis of HR 596 Repeal of ObamaCare

This bill was introduced in January, 2015, by Rep. Bradley Byrne (R-AL). HR 596 provides simply for the repeal of ObamaCare (the “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). Six months after enactment, ObamaCare would be totally repealed and the law would be restored to exactly what it was prior to the 2010 passage of ObamaCare. The bill contains no alternative reforms for health care, leaving those to be dealt with separately. While this approach risks losing the support of those who believe that “repeal and replace” must take place simultaneously, it has the advantage of first removing the damage of ObamaCare. Once that had been done, pressure would build for a conservative replacement. Waiting for agreement on a replacement might mean waiting forever.

The House passed HR 596 on February 5, 2015, by a vote of 239-186. The Senate has taken no action as of June 16, 2015.

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