

AMENDMENT #16

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BY REPRESENTATIVE EASTMAN

1 Page 3, lines 3 - 15:

2 Delete all material and insert:

3 "(h) A health care insurer that offers, issues for delivery, delivers, or renews in
4 the state a health care insurance plan in the group market to a religious employer is
5 exempt from the requirements of this section with respect to the health care insurance
6 plan of the religious employer if the religious employer opposes the coverage required
7 under this section and is

8 (1) an organization that meets the criteria set out in 26 U.S.C.
9 6033(a)(3)(A)(i) or (iii) (Internal Revenue Code of 1986), as amended; or

10 (2) a member of an organization that meets the criteria of (1) of this
11 subsection."