H.R. 130

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 5, 2011

Mr. Gene Green of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

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 "Life Insurance Em-
- 5 ployee Notification Act".

SEC. 2. DISCLOSURE OF EMPLOYER-OWNED LIFE INSUR-2 ANCE COVERAGE OF EMPLOYEES. 3 (a) Written Notice Required.—Except as provided in subsection (b), not later than 30 days after the 5 date on which an employer purchases an employer-owned insurance policy on the life of an employee (or a spouse 7 or dependent of the employee), the employer shall provide to each employee for whom the employer carries such a policy a written notice that contains the following informa-10 tion: 11 (1) A statement that the employer carries an 12 employer-owned insurance policy on the life of the 13 employee. 14 (2) The identity of the insurance carrier of the 15 policy. 16 (3) The benefit amount of the policy. 17 (4) The name of the beneficiary of the policy. 18 (b) Transition.— 19 (1) Notice to former covered employ-20 EES.—For former employees covered by an insur-21 ance policy described in subsection (a), for any 22 length of time, from January 1, 1985, until the date 23 of enactment of this Act, the employer shall provide 24 the notice required under that subsection not later

than 1 year after such date of enactment.

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- 1 (2) Notice of existing covered employ2 EES.—For employees covered by an insurance policy
 3 described in subsection (a) as of the date of enact4 ment of this Act, the employer shall provide the no5 tice required under that subsection not later than 90
 6 days after such date of enactment.
- 7 (c) Enforcement.—A violation of this section con8 stitutes an unfair method of competition and an unfair
 9 or deceptive act or practice under section 5(a)(1) of the
 10 Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 45(a)(1)). The
 11 Federal Trade Commission shall enforce this Act in the
 12 same manner, by the same means, and with the same ju13 risdiction as though all applicable terms and provisions of
 14 the Federal Trade Commission Act were incorporated into
 15 and made a part of this Act.
- 16 (d) EMPLOYER-OWNED INSURANCE POLICY DE-17 FINED.—The term "employer-owned insurance policy" 18 means an insurance policy purchased by the employer for 19 the benefit of a person other than the individual who is 20 the subject of the policy (or other than a person des-21 ignated by such individual).

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