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AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL NO. 801

(Third Reading File Bill)

On page 1, strike beginning with "<u>requiring</u>" in line 15 down through "<u>date</u>;" in line 18 and substitute "<u>requiring that a carrier renew the health benefit plan of certain small employers that satisfied certain criteria on a certain date</u>;".

On pages 8 and 9, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 10 on page 8 through line 3 on page 9, inclusive.

On page 9, after line 3, insert:

"SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a carrier shall, in accordance with § 15-1212 of the Insurance Article, renew the health benefit plan of a small employer that has coverage under Title 15, Subtitle 12 of the Insurance Article on May 31, 2000, for as long as the small employer meets the definition of a small employer in effect on the date the small employer applied for the coverage."