

BY: Finance Committee

**AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 637**

(First Reading File Bill)

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 1, strike beginning with “authorizing” in line 8 down through “circumstances;” in line 12; in line 14, after “level;” insert “repealing a certain requirement that the Standard Plan include certain uniform deductibles and cost sharing; requiring the Commission to specify certain deductibles and cost-sharing;”; and strike beginning with “providing” in line 16 down through “plans;” in line 22.

On page 2, strike beginning with “providing” in line 5 down through the first “Act;” in line 6; in line 6, before the second “providing” insert “providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act;”; and in line 19, strike “15–1204(a) through (d).”.

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On pages 4 and 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 23 on page 4 through line 19 on page 5, inclusive.

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 6, strike beginning with “The” in line 25 down through “Commission” in line 26 and substitute “**THE COMMISSION SHALL SPECIFY THE DEDUCTIBLES AND COST-SHARING ASSOCIATED WITH THE BENEFITS IN THE STANDARD PLAN**”.

On page 7, strike beginning with “(a)” in line 4 down through “(2)” in line 7; and strike in their entirety lines 9 through 33, inclusive.

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AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 8, in line 4, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike “**THAT VARIES FROM**”; in line 6, strike “**AND HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER**”; in line 9, after “renewal;” insert “**AND**”; strike beginning with the semicolon in line 10 down through “limitations” in line 11; in line 16, after “renewal;” insert “**AND**”; strike beginning with the semicolon in line 17 down through “limitations” in line 18; in lines 21 and 22, in each instance, strike the bracket; in line 22, strike “**BENEFITS THAT VARY FROM THE STANDARD PLAN**”; in line 23, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike “**OFFERED**”; in line 30, after “renewal;” insert “**AND**”; and in line 31, strike “rating; and” and substitute “**RATING.**”.

On page 9, strike line 1 in its entirety; in line 21, strike the brackets; in line 22, after “Eastern” insert “**AND SOUTHERN**”; and strike line 23 in its entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 10, in line 13, after “(1)” insert “**(I)**”; in line 14, strike “**65%**” and substitute “**50%**”; in line 15, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike “**65%**”; after line 15, insert:

“(II) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2013, BASED ON THE ADJUSTMENTS ALLOWED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(2)(I) AND (II) OF THIS SECTION, A CARRIER MAY CHARGE A RATE THAT IS 55% ABOVE OR 55% BELOW THE COMMUNITY RATE.”;

in line 20, strike “**2012**” and substitute “**2013**”; in line 23, strike the first set of brackets; in the same line, strike “**65%**”; and in line 24, strike “(1)” and substitute “**(1)(I)**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 11, strike beginning with “**ON**” in line 12 down through “**PLAN**” in line 13 and substitute “**IF A SMALL EMPLOYER HAS NOT OFFERED A HEALTH BENEFIT**”

PLAN ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO ITS EMPLOYEES IN THE 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE INITIAL ENROLLMENT OF THE SMALL EMPLOYER IN THE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN".

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On pages 12 through 14, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 8 on page 12 through line 7 on page 14, inclusive.

On page 14, in line 8, strike "5." and substitute "4."; in line 9, after "study" insert ":

(1)";

in line 11, after "Plan" insert ":

(2) potential options for allowing plans with fewer benefits than the Standard Plan to be sold in the small group market, including the impact of any of the potential options and the need for any additional legislative authority for the Commission to implement any recommended options; and

(3) whether any additional authority is needed to effectively implement the website application required under § 19-108.1 of the Health – General Article, as enacted by Section 2 of this Act, that allows small businesses to compare premiums of health benefit plans issued under the small group market";

in line 15, strike "6." and substitute "5."; in line 18, strike "7." and substitute "6."; in lines 19 and 20, in each instance, strike "October 1, 2009" and substitute "July 1, 2010"; strike beginning with "It" in line 20 down through "effect." in line 23; strike in their entirety lines 24 through 26, inclusive; in line 27, strike "9." and substitute "7."; and in line 28, strike "6, 7, and 8" and substitute "5 and 6".