

Session 110 - (1993-1994)

S*0541 (Rat #0368, Act #0339 of 1994) General Bill, By Saleeby, Courtney, Land, McConnell, Rankin and M.T. Rose Similar (H 3708)

A Bill to enact the "Small Employer Health Insurance Availability Act", including amending Sections 38-71-920, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to definitions for small group health insurance purposes, so as to make changes to certain definitions, add the definitions of "late enrollee" and "actuarial base rate", and delete certain definitions; 38-71-960, relating to small group health insurance and required disclosure in solicitation and sales materials, so as to delete certain language and provide that each small employer insurer shall make reasonable disclosure in solicitation and sales materials provided to small employers of the extent to which premium rates for a specific small employer are established or adjusted due to case characteristics, family composition, and class of business; 38-71-730, as amended, relating to requirements for group accident, group health, and group accident and health insurance policies, so as to delete certain language and provisions and provide, among other things, that a common group of small employers may be formed solely for the purpose of obtaining insurance; 38-70-10, relating to definitions for the provisions of law on utilization reviews and private review agents in connection with the allocation of health care resources and services for a patient or group of patients, so as to delete certain language and provisions from the definition of "private review agent"; 38-70-15, relating to the applicability of Chapter 70 of Title 38 (Utilization Reviews and Private Review Agents), so as to provide that the Chapter applies to insurance companies, administrators of insurance benefit plans, and health maintenance organizations licensed and regulated by the Department of Insurance, and provide that such insurance companies, administrators, and health maintenance organizations are exempt from certain provisions of law; and 38-71-940, relating to small group health insurance and premium rates, rating factors, and the prohibition on the involuntary business class transfer, so as to delete certain provisions and provide, among other things, that the small employer insurer shall determine the actuarial base rate for each health insurance plan it offers to small employers in the State; to create a committee on health reform, appointed by the Governor, to issue a report to the Governor on certain matters; and to provide for the severability of the provisions of this Act.-amended title

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| 03/11/93 | Senate | Introduced, read first time, placed on calendar without reference SJ-10 |
| 03/16/93 | Senate | Amended SJ-18 |
| 03/16/93 | Senate | Read second time SJ-19 |
| 03/16/93 | Senate | Ordered to third reading with notice of amendments SJ-19 |
| 03/25/93 | Senate | Read third time and sent to House SJ-12 |
| 03/30/93 | House | Introduced and read first time HJ-9 |
| 03/30/93 | House | Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry HJ-10 |
| 02/24/94 | House | Committee report: Favorable with amendment Labor, Commerce and Industry HJ-373 |
| 03/29/94 | House | Debate adjourned until Wednesday, March 30, 1994 HJ-20 |
| 03/30/94 | House | Amended HJ-59 |
| 03/30/94 | House | Read second time HJ-81 |
| 03/30/94 | House | Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day HJ-81 |
| 03/31/94 | House | Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments HJ-4 |
| 03/31/94 | Senate | Concurred in House amendment and enrolled SJ-10 |
| 04/14/94 | | Ratified R 368 |
| 04/19/94 | | Signed By Governor |
| 04/19/94 | | Effective date 07/01/95 |
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