

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT

Second Reading

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1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 20, line 19, after "(8)" insert "(a)".

2 Page 20, after line 23 insert:

3           "(b) IF A CARRIER HAS OFFERED ONE OR MORE HEALTH BENEFIT  
4 PLANS IN THE INDIVIDUAL AND SMALL GROUP MARKETS AND PREVIOUSLY  
5 ACHIEVED AND MAINTAINED AT LEAST AN EIGHTEEN PERCENT REDUCTION  
6 IN PREMIUM RATES, REGARDLESS OF THE FIRST YEAR THAT A HEALTH  
7 BENEFIT PLAN WAS OFFERED, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DEEM THE  
8 CARRIER TO HAVE MET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CARRIERS IN SECTIONS  
9 10-16-1304 AND 10-16-1305 WITH RESPECT TO THE COUNTIES IN WHICH  
10 THE CARRIER IS OFFERING INDIVIDUAL AND SMALL GROUP HEALTH BENEFIT  
11 PLANS."

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