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SENATE BILL 18-132

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A WAIVER OF FEDERAL LAW TO PERMIT INSURANCE**
102 **CARRIERS TO OFFER CATASTROPHIC HEALTH PLANS TO ANY**
103 **INDIVIDUAL RESIDING IN COLORADO.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires the commissioner of insurance to apply to the secretary of the United States department of health and human services for a 5-year waiver of the federal law restricting catastrophic health plans offered through the Colorado health benefit exchange. The waiver, if approved, would permit the offering of catastrophic health plans to any

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

individual residing in Colorado rather than only individuals under the age of 30 or meeting a hardship requirement. If the waiver is denied, the statutory section is repealed.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 finds and determines that:

4 (a) Under section 1332 of the federal "Patient Protection and
5 Affordable Care Act", Pub.L. 111-148, states are permitted to apply to the
6 secretary of the United States department of health and human services
7 for a waiver of certain requirements of the federal act with respect to
8 health insurance coverage in order to allow states to pursue innovative
9 strategies for providing their residents with access to high-quality
10 affordable health care coverage;

11 (b) Section 1303 (e) of the federal act permits the offering of
12 catastrophic health plans but limits those plans to individuals under the
13 age of thirty or meeting a hardship requirement;

14 (c) A waiver under section 1332 of the federal act, often referred
15 to as a "1332 waiver" or "state innovation waiver", to allow a state to
16 waive the restrictions in section 1303 (e) of the federal act regarding
17 catastrophic health plans may be an opportunity for a state to lower
18 premiums for consumers, improve market stability, and increase
19 consumer choice; and

20 (d) It is important for the state to pursue efforts to reduce health
21 insurance premiums for consumers, improve stability in the insurance
22 market, and increase consumer choice by applying for a state innovation
23 waiver to permit insurance carriers to offer catastrophic health plans to all
24 Coloradans regardless of age or hardship.

1 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 10-16-116.5 as
2 follows:

3 **10-16-116.5. State innovation waiver for nonemployer**
4 **catastrophic health plans - notice of decision by secretary - effect of**
5 **secretary's decision - notice to revisor of statutes - definitions - rules.**

6 (1)(a) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONDUCT AN ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS TO
7 DETERMINE IF THE SALE OF CATASTROPHIC HEALTH PLANS TO PERSONS
8 THIRTY YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER WHO DO NOT MEET A HARDSHIP
9 REQUIREMENT WOULD RESULT IN A REDUCTION IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF
10 ADVANCED PREMIUM TAX CREDITS RECEIVED BY COLORADO RESIDENTS
11 OR WOULD INCREASE THE AVERAGE PREMIUMS OF INDIVIDUAL HEALTH
12 PLANS IN COLORADO. IF THE ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS DEMONSTRATES THAT
13 THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ADVANCED PREMIUM TAX CREDITS RECEIVED BY
14 COLORADO RESIDENTS WILL NOT DECLINE AND THE AVERAGE PREMIUMS
15 OF INDIVIDUAL HEALTH PLANS IN COLORADO WILL NOT INCREASE, THEN
16 THE COMMISSIONER SHALL APPLY TO THE SECRETARY FOR A FIVE-YEAR
17 STATE INNOVATION WAIVER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1332 OF THE
18 FEDERAL ACT AND 45 CFR 155 TO WAIVE SECTION 1303 (e) OF THE
19 FEDERAL ACT AND 45 CFR 156.155 TO ENABLE INSURANCE CARRIERS IN
20 THE STATE TO OFFER CATASTROPHIC HEALTH PLANS TO ANY INDIVIDUAL
21 RESIDING IN COLORADO FOR PLAN YEARS STARTING ON OR AFTER
22 JANUARY 1, 2020. THE WAIVER APPLICATION MUST CLEARLY STATE THAT:

23 (I) OFFERING CATASTROPHIC HEALTH PLANS TO INDIVIDUALS
24 THIRTY YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER AND INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT MEET
25 A HARDSHIP REQUIREMENT IS CONTINGENT ON APPROVAL OF THE WAIVER
26 REQUEST;

27 (II) HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE

1 WAIVER MAY ONLY BE OFFERED AND SOLD THROUGH THE HEALTH BENEFIT
2 EXCHANGE; AND

3 (III) HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
4 WAIVER ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ADVANCED PREMIUM TAX CREDITS.

5 (b) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ENSURE THAT THE WAIVER
6 APPLICATION SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION COMPLIES WITH THE
7 REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 1332 OF THE FEDERAL ACT AND 45
8 CFR 155.1308.

9 (2) (a) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL MAKE THE DRAFT WAIVER
10 APPLICATION AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW BY POSTING A COPY ON THE
11 DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2018. THE
12 COMMISSIONER SHALL SUBMIT THE WAIVER APPLICATION TO THE
13 SECRETARY BY JANUARY 1, 2019.

14 (b) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL NOTIFY THE FOLLOWING OF ANY
15 FEDERAL ACTIONS REGARDING THE WAIVER REQUEST:

16 (I) THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF
17 REPRESENTATIVES OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE;

18 (II) THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OR
19 ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE; AND

20 (III) THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEES ON HEALTH,
21 INSURANCE, AND ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN
22 SERVICES OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES.

23 (3) NOTWITHSTANDING THE DEFINITION OF CATASTROPHIC PLAN
24 IN SECTION 10-16-102 (10), ANY REQUIREMENT OR LIMITATION IMPOSED
25 BY SECTION 10-16-103.4 OR 10-16-116, OR ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW,
26 IF THE SECRETARY APPROVES THE WAIVER REQUESTED IN ACCORDANCE
27 WITH SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, INSURANCE CARRIERS ARE

1 PERMITTED TO OFFER CATASTROPHIC HEALTH PLANS TO ANY INDIVIDUAL
2 RESIDING IN COLORADO.

3 (4) IF THE SECRETARY APPROVES THE WAIVER REQUESTED IN
4 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL
5 PROMULGATE RULES NECESSARY TO PERMIT THE OFFERING OF
6 CATASTROPHIC HEALTH PLANS CONSISTENT WITH THE WAIVER AND THIS
7 SECTION.

8 (5) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

9 (a) "CATASTROPHIC HEALTH PLAN" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL HEALTH
10 BENEFIT PLAN THAT DOES NOT PROVIDE A BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD, OR
11 PLATINUM LEVEL OF COVERAGE, AS THOSE COVERAGES ARE DESCRIBED IN
12 SECTION 10-16-103.4.

13 (b) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES
14 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

15 (c) "STATE INNOVATION WAIVER" MEANS A WAIVER OF ONE OR
16 MORE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL ACT AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 1332
17 OF THE FEDERAL ACT, CODIFIED IN 42 U.S.C. SEC. 18052, AND APPLICABLE
18 FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

19 (6) IF THE SECRETARY DENIES THE WAIVER REQUESTED UNDER
20 THIS SECTION OR, AFTER APPROVAL, DENIES AN APPLICATION TO EXTEND
21 THE WAIVER, THIS SECTION IS REPEALED. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL
22 NOTIFY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES IN WRITING IF THE CONDITION
23 SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (6) OCCURS BY E-MAILING THE NOTICE TO
24 REVISOROFSTATUTES.GA@STATE.CO.US. THIS SECTION IS REPEALED ON
25 THE DATE IDENTIFIED IN THE NOTICE THAT THE WAIVER OR EXTENSION
26 WAS DENIED OR ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE TO THE REVISOR OF
27 STATUTES IF THE NOTICE DOES NOT SPECIFY A DIFFERENT DATE.

1 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
2 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
3 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
4 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a
5 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
6 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
7 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
8 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
9 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
10 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.