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Summary: Palmetto Comprehensive Health Care Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "PALMETTO COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 18 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO CREATE A PUBLICLY FINANCED SINGLE-PAYER HEALTH CARE PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE STATE EQUALLY; TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR TERMS USED IN THE CHAPTER; TO ALLOW NONRESIDENTS TO RECEIVE PROGRAM BENEFITS FOR A CERTAIN TIME PERIOD; TO MAKE RESIDENTS WHO MOVE OUT OF STATE INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PROGRAM BENEFITS AFTER A CERTAIN TIME PERIOD; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE PROGRAM AMONG RESIDENTS AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS AND TO FACILITATE ENROLLMENT IN THE PROGRAM; TO APPLY FOR WAIVERS TO ALLOW THE STATE TO OPERATE MEDICARE, MEDICAID, AND OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS AS PART OF THE PROGRAM; TO ESTABLISH BENEFITS PROVIDED FOR BY THE PROGRAM INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PRIMARY CARE, PREVENTIVE CARE, DENTAL AND VISION CARE, PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE, MATERNITY AND NEWBORN CARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES; TO PROHIBIT PRIVATE INSURANCE COMPANIES FROM SELLING HEALTH INSURANCE THAT PROVIDES BENEFITS COVERED BY THE PROGRAM AND TO ALLOW THESE COMPANIES TO SELL POLICIES THAT PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR BENEFITS NOT COVERED BY THE PROGRAM; TO PROHIBIT THE PROGRAM AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS FROM CHARGING INDIVIDUALS ANY AMOUNTS FOR RECEIVING HEALTH CARE SERVICES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PREMIUMS, COPAYS, DEDUCTIBLES, AND COINSURANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROGRAM TO ISSUE INDIVIDUALS A PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION CARD TO PRESENT TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO RECEIVE SERVICES WITHOUT CHARGE; TO REQUIRE THE BENEFITS PACKAGE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID, THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM, AND MEDICARE; TO ESTABLISH A DRUG FORMULARY SYSTEM, AS PART OF WHICH THE DEPARTMENT PURCHASES DRUGS WHOLESALE AND PROMOTES THE USE OF GENERIC MEDICATION; TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR INDIVIDUALS TO APPEAL ADVERSE COVERAGE DECISIONS; TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR THE PUBLIC TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO THE BENEFITS COVERED BY THE PROGRAM; TO COMPENSATE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS USING A STANDARD FEE; TO COMPENSATE HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES, AND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS AS PART OF A GLOBAL PAYMENT SYSTEM; TO PAY PHARMACISTS A REASONABLE DISPENSING FEE AND THE WHOLESALE COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS; TO REQUIRE THE PROGRAM TO BE FUNDED BY PAYROLL ASSESSMENTS AND NONPAYROLL INCOME ASSESSMENTS; TO CREATE A PALMETTO COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM FUND IN WHICH TO DEPOSIT ALL FUNDS COLLECTED THROUGH PAYROLL AND NONPAYROLL INCOME ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER MONIES COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO PERFORM CERTAIN FUNCTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REPORTING OF THE PROGRAM AND THE DEPARTMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 11-35-310, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSOLIDATED PROCUREMENT CODE, SO AS TO EXEMPT THE PROGRAM FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONSOLIDATED PROCUREMENT CODE; BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-650 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF PAYROLL AND NONPAYROLL INCOME ASSESSMENTS, TO LIMIT THE PAYROLL ASSESSMENTS TO INCOME SUBJECT TO THE MEDICARE TAX, TO REQUIRE THE ASSESSMENTS TO BE GRADUATED TO CHARGE HIGHER RATES TO INDIVIDUALS EARNING HIGHER INCOMES, AND TO TREAT RESIDENTS WORKING OUTSIDE OF THE STATE AS SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS; TO AMEND SECTION 44-6-30, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE POWERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ADMINISTER THE PALMETTO COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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