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SENATE BILL 1142*

Short Title: Medicare Supplement Policies.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Soles and Conder.

Referred to: Pensions and Retirement/Insurance/State Personnel.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE LAWS TO COMPLY WITH THE FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENTS OF 1994 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION'S COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND INSURANCE-RELATED ISSUES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 54 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 58-54-12. Rules for compliance with federal law and regulations.

The Commissioner may adopt rules necessary to conform Medicare supplement policies and certificates to the requirements of federal law and regulations, including:

- (1) Requiring refunds or credits if the policies or certificates do not meet loss ratio requirements.
- (2) Establishing a uniform methodology for calculating and reporting loss ratios.
- (3) Assuring public access to policies, premiums, and loss ratio information of issuers of Medicare supplement insurance.
- (4) Establishing a process for approving and disapproving policy forms and certificate forms and proposed premium increases.

- 1 (5) Establishing procedures for holding public hearings before approval of
2 premium increases.
- 3 (6) Establishing standards for Medicare Select policies and certificates."
4 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification and shall apply to Medicare
5 supplement policies issued or renewed on or after October 1, 1996.