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### HOUSE BILL NO. 1016

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 38.2-3525 of the Code of Virginia, relating to group accident and sickness insurance; coverage for household members.*

Patrons—Dillard, Baskerville, Brink, Callahan, Ebbin, Moran, Plum, Suit and Tata; Senator: Ticer

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

#### **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

#### **1. That § 38.2-3525 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 38.2-3525. Group accident and sickness insurance coverages of spouses, dependent children, or household members.

A. Coverage under a group accident and sickness insurance policy, except a policy issued pursuant to subsection B of § 38.2-3521.1 B, may be extended to insure the spouse ~~and~~, any child who is under the age of ~~nineteen~~ 19 years or who is a dependent and a full-time student under ~~twenty-five~~ 25 years of age, without regard to whether such child resides in the same household as the certificate holder, ~~or~~ any class of spouse and dependent children, *or household member* of each insured group member who so elects. The amount of accident and sickness insurance for the spouse ~~or~~, dependent child, *or household member* shall not exceed the amount of accident and sickness insurance for the insured group member.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 38.2-3538, one certificate may be issued for each family unit if a statement concerning ~~any spouse's or dependent child's~~ coverage of *any spouse, dependent child, or household member* is included in the certificate.

C. For purposes of this section, "household member" means any person in whom the insured has an insurable interest pursuant to subdivision B 1 or B 2 of § 38.2-301 who resides in the same household as the insured.

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