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HOUSE BILL NO. 1404

Offered January 23, 2004

A BILL to amend and reenact § 38.2-3525 of the Code of Virginia, relating to group accident and sickness insurance coverage for dependent children.

Patrons—Byron, Abbitt, Dudley, Hargrove, Hogan, Kilgore, Nixon, Saxman and Ware, R.L.

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 or dependent children.

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 *as mutually agreed upon by the insurer and the employer* to insure the spouse and any *dependent* child ~~who is under the age of nineteen years or who is a dependent and a full-time student under twenty-five years of age~~, without regard to whether such child resides in the same household as the ~~certificate holder~~ *insured group member*, or any class of spouse and dependent children, of each insured group member who so elects. The amount of accident and sickness insurance for the spouse or dependent child 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 is included in the certificate.

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