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SENATE BILL NO. 1338

FLOOR AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by Senator Howell

on February 8, 2005)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Howell)

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

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 other persons.

A. Coverage under a group accident and sickness insurance policy, except a policy issued pursuant to subsection B of § 38.2-3521.1, may be extended to insure ~~the~~

1. *The spouse and any child who is under the age of 19 years or who is a dependent and a full-time student under 25 years of age, without regard to whether such child resides in the same household as the insured group member, or any class of spouse and dependent children, of each insured group member who so elects; and*

2. *Any other class of persons as may mutually be agreed upon by the insurer and the group policyholder.*

B. The amount of accident and sickness insurance for the spouse ~~or~~, dependent child *or other person* shall not exceed the amount of accident and sickness insurance for the insured group member.

~~B~~ C. At the insurer's option and subject to the policyholder's election, the coverage for children of the insured group member may be extended beyond the ages established in subsection A. Any such extension of coverage shall be as mutually agreed upon by the insurer and the group policyholder.

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