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**State Corporation Commission
2016 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB592

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Hope

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Health insurance; dispensing of generic prescription oral contraceptives.

5. Summary: Health insurance; dispensing of generic prescription oral contraceptives. Requires health carriers with health benefit plans that cover generic prescription oral contraceptives to reimburse their dispenser for dispensings intended to last for a 12-month period. The measure does not apply to the state employee health benefits plan. The measure applies to health benefit plans delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in the Commonwealth on and after July 1, 2016.

6. Budget amendment necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No Fiscal Impact on the State Corporation Commission

8. Fiscal implications: None on the State Corporation Commission

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: State Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance

10. Technical amendment necessary: None

11. Other comments: In the individual health insurance market, all coverage essentially terminates on December 31 each year and, except in limited circumstances, is renewed unless the covered person changes coverage during the open enrollment period. Likewise, covered persons may obtain or leave group coverage as circumstances change. As a result, insurance carriers may be required to pay for the full 12 month supply of oral contraceptives when a covered person is covered for only a portion of the year.

House Bill 592 defines “health benefit plan” consistently with the definition found in § 38.2-3438 of the Code of Virginia. Consequently, short-term health benefit plans of durations of less than 12 months would similarly have to provide a 12 month supply reimbursement if the plan covers generic prescription oral contraceptives.

Senate Bill 404 is similar to House Bill 592.

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