

State Corporation Commission 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB964

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

2. **Patron:** Sturtevant

3. **Committee:** Commerce and Labor

4. **Title:** Health insurance; catastrophic health plans.

5. **Summary:** Requires health carriers to offer catastrophic plans in the individual market in every locality in the Commonwealth in which they offer any health benefit plan. A catastrophic plan is a high-deductible health care plan that provides essential health benefits and coverage for at least three primary care visits per policy year. Under the federal Affordable Care Act, catastrophic plans satisfy requirements that health benefit plans provide minimum levels of coverage only if they cover individuals who are under 30 years of age or who qualify for a hardship exemption or affordability exemption. The measure requires the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to apply to the federal government for a state innovation waiver allowing the implementation of the provision. The provision will become effective 30 days after the Secretary notifies persons that the request has been approved.

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:** The proposed §38.2-3446.1 C (line 19) provides that each health carrier shall offer catastrophic plans in the individual market in every locality in the Commonwealth in which it offers any health benefit plan. Consideration should be given to amending the language to use the current terminology from §38.2-3431 as follows:

*“...each health carrier shall offer catastrophic plans in the individual market in ~~every~~
~~locality~~ each service area in the Commonwealth in which it offers any health benefit plan...*

11. **Other comments:** None

Date: 01/28/18/V. Tompkins