

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the State Corporation Commission to develop a uniform group health insurance*
3 *application form.*

4 [H 728]

5 Approved

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

8 **1. § 1.** *That the State Corporation Commission, acting through its Bureau of Insurance, by July 1,*
9 *2009, shall develop a uniform group health insurance application form. The Bureau of Insurance shall*
10 *convene a work group, comprised of representatives of insurers, insurance agent organizations,*
11 *employer organizations, and the Virginia Association of Health Plans, to assist it in its development of*
12 *the uniform group health insurance application form.*

13 *A uniform group health insurance application form shall allow employers that are required to*
14 *provide information regarding their employees to an insurer when applying for a group health insurance*
15 *policy to use a standardized form that group insurers may elect to accept. The development of the*
16 *uniform group health insurance application form is intended to relieve employers of the burden of*
17 *completing separate application forms for each insurer with which the employer applies for insurance or*
18 *from which the employer seeks information regarding such matters as rates, coverage, and availability.*
19 *The use of the uniform group health insurance application form by insurers and employers shall be*
20 *voluntary.*

21 *The Bureau of Insurance, with the assistance of the work group, shall determine (i) the preprinted*
22 *information, including the title, heading, backing, or other indication of contents, to be stated on the*
23 *form and (ii) appropriate limitations on the use of the form, including, but not limited to, its use in*
24 *obtaining rate or premium quotes, whether its use should be limited to online applications, and whether*
25 *insurers that agree to use the application form be identified on the form.*

26 *Upon completion of its development of the uniform group health insurance application form, the*
27 *Bureau of Insurance shall provide a copy to all insurers, along with instructions for its use.*

28 *The Bureau of Insurance shall revise, as appropriate, the uniform group health insurance application*
29 *form to ensure its ongoing compliance with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements and*
30 *shall communicate to insurers any necessary changes to the uniform group health insurance application*
31 *form.*

32 *For purposes of this section, "insurers" means all companies licensed in the Commonwealth to write*
33 *accident and sickness insurance, all health maintenance organizations licensed in the Commonwealth,*
34 *and all health services plans licensed in the Commonwealth issuing policies or contracts of accident and*
35 *sickness insurance on a group basis.*

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