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SENATE BILL NO. 5014

Offered November 5, 2014

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 6 of Chapter 34 of Title 38.2 a section numbered 38.2-3454.1, relating to renewals of certain health benefit plans.

Patrons—Norment, Barker, Saslaw, Black, Carrico, Cosgrove, Hanger, Lewis, Martin, McDougle, McWaters, Newman, Reeves, Stosch, Stuart, Vogel and Wagner; Delegates: Pogge and Webert

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

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1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 6 of Chapter 34 of Title 38.2 a section numbered 38.2-3454.1 as follows:

§ 38.2-3454.1. Renewal of health benefit plans; special exception.

Notwithstanding any other provision of state law, a health carrier may offer to renew any health benefit plan that would otherwise be required to be canceled, discontinued, or terminated because it does not meet the requirements of Title I of the PPACA or regulations promulgated thereunder, to the extent and under the terms that the appropriate federal authority has suspended enforcement of provisions of Title I of the PPACA or regulations promulgated thereunder. This section applies to health benefit plans sold or offered for sale in the individual and group markets.

2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.