

State Corporation Commission

2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB562

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

2. Patron: Norment

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Health benefit plans; federal law changes; large and small employers.

5. Summary: Health benefit plans; federal law changes; large and small employers. Deletes provisions that as of January 1, 2016, changed the definition of a "large employer," for purposes of a group health plan or health insurance coverage, from an employer who employed an average of more than 50 employees to an employer who employed more than 100 employees during the preceding calendar year. The definition of "small employer" is correspondingly revised to include employers who employ an average of 50 or fewer employees, which prior to January 1, 2016, was the threshold for delineating large employers from small employers. The measure also authorizes health carriers to sell, issue, or offer for sale any health benefit plan that would otherwise not be permitted to be sold, issued, or offered for sale due to conflict with the requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, to the extent the requirements of such Act are amended by any federal law. The measure has an emergency clause.

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: No

11. Other comments: Senate Bill 562 is similar to House Bill 58, which has passed both Houses with the exception of the amendments to § 38.2-3454.1 of the Code of Virginia.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources