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HOUSE BILL NO. 1141

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor on March 2, 2020)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Tran)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 38.2-3454.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to renewal of health benefit plans; special exception.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 38.2-3454.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

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

Notwithstanding any other provision of state law, a health carrier may sell, issue, or offer for sale or renew any health benefit plan that would otherwise (i) not be permitted to be sold, issued, or offered for sale or (ii) be required to be canceled, discontinued, or terminated, because the health benefit plan does not meet the requirements of Title I of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (H.R. 3590), as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-152) (the PPACA) or regulations promulgated thereunder, to the extent and under the terms that (a) the appropriate federal authority has suspended enforcement of provisions of Title I of the PPACA or regulations promulgated thereunder or (b) the requirements of the PPACA are amended by any federal law. This section applies to health benefit plans sold or offered for sale in the individual and group markets.