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**S 1044. MORATORIUM ON HEALTH INS. MANDATES.** *TO PROVIDE THAT HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS SHALL NOT MANDATE ADDITIONAL COVERAGE BEYOND WHAT IS REQUIRED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2001, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ISSUE OF HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES.* Adds new GS 58-50-63 providing that an insurer may not deliver, issue, or renew a health benefit plan after Jan. 1, 2002, that includes any additional coverage requirements beyond those requirements in effect for health benefit plans on Dec. 31, 2001, except that employer may elect to expand coverage on any group or individual health benefit plan or policy and an individual or group health benefit plan may be expanded if the expansion is deemed to be cost-efficient based upon a cost-benefit analysis performed by the Dep't of Insurance. Authorizes study cited in title, with progress report in 2002 and final report to 2003 General Assembly. Provisions on mandates expires Jan. 1, 2004.

**Intro. by Hoyle.**

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