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**H 727. HIPAA COMPLIANCE AND FAIRNESS.** *TO BRING NORTH CAROLINA LAW INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT REGARDING THE TYPE OF COVERAGE THAT CONSTITUTES CREDITABLE COVERAGE; TO PROVIDE SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIODS WITHOUT PENALTY FOR PERSONS ENROLLED UNDER A GROUP PLAN WHOSE COVERAGE IS TERMINATED WHEN AN INSURER DISCONTINUES WRITING A CERTAIN TYPE OF GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE THROUGHOUT THAT ENTIRE SMALL OR LARGE GROUP MARKET; AND TO PROVIDE CONTINUED GUARANTEED ISSUE RIGHTS TO A PERSON WHO IS HIPAA ELIGIBLE, WHO IS INSURED IN THE INDIVIDUAL MARKET, AND WHOSE INSURER DISCONTINUES WRITING A CERTAIN TYPE OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE INDIVIDUAL MARKET.* As title indicates. Sections amending 58-68-30(f)(1) and 58-68-60 become effective July 1, 2005, and apply to policies or certificates issued or renewed on or after that date.

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