

April 18, 2007

H 1719. HEALTH INSURANCE PILOT/PIEDMONT TRIAD. Filed 4/18/07. *TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM THAT WILL ALLOW THE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE IN PIEDMONT TRIAD COUNTIES TO PROVIDE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE COVERING BUSINESS ENTITIES THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER.*

Allows chambers of commerce in the 12 counties in the Piedmont Triad to provide group health insurance to their members, on a pilot basis. Directs the Commissioner of Insurance to monitor the pilot and make any recommendations on its continuation or expansion to the legislature in a final report to the 2009 General Assembly and an interim report to the 2008 Regular Session. Exempts the pilot from actuarial certification, adjusted community rating, and health benefit plans under Part 5 of Article 50 of GS Chapter 58, for the duration of the pilot. Effective January 1, 2008, and expires on January 1, 2010 .

Intro. by Hurley.

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May 22, 2007

H 1719. HEALTH INSURANCE PILOT/CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (NEW). Filed 4/18/07. House committee substitute deletes all provisions of the 1st edition and instead directs the Commissioner of Insurance to report to the General Assembly by the convening of the 2008 session the commissioner's recommended design of a pilot project to allow selected chambers of commerce to purchase health insurance beyond what is allowed under current law. Conforms the title.

May 24, 2007

H 1719. STUDY HEALTH INS. FOR CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (NEW). Filed 4/18/07. House committee substitute deletes the provisions of the 2nd edition and replaces it with *AN ACT TO CREATE THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE FOR CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.* Establishes the ten-member Joint Legislative Commission on Group Health Insurance for Chambers of Commerce to study, in consultation with the Commissioner of Insurance, whether allowing trade associations to purchase group health insurance will result in more affordable health insurance coverage for small employers. The commission must recommend to the General Assembly a design for a pilot project allowing selected chambers of commerce to purchase health insurance beyond what is allowed under current law. Provides for the appointment of cochairs, calling of meetings, and commission staff. The commission is required to report the study results to the 2008 Regular Session of the 2007 General Assembly upon its convening. The commission terminates at the earlier of the filing of its final report or upon the convening of the 2008 regular session. Effective July 1, 2007.