



**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
CONFERENCE REPORT
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[NO] Title Change

[YES] For Committee Substitute

To: The President of the Senate
The Speaker of the House of Representatives

The conferees appointed to resolve the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on House Bill 649, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE SMALL EMPLOYER GROUP HEALTH COVERAGE REFORM ACT TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF THE FEDERAL AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ON NORTH CAROLINA'S SMALL BUSINESSES AND TO INCREASE STOP LOSS INSURANCE OPTIONS FOR SMALL EMPLOYERS, Senate Insurance Committee Substitute Adopted 6/6/13, Sixth Edition Engrossed 6/12/13, submit the following report:

The House and Senate agree to the following amendment to the Senate Insurance Committee Substitute Adopted 6/6/13, Sixth Edition Engrossed 6/12/13, and the House concurs in the Senate Committee Substitute Adopted 6/6/13, Sixth Edition Engrossed 6/12/13, as amended:

On page 3, line 29, by deleting the phrase "three to one" and substituting the phrase "the ratio of three to one (3:1)";

and on page 3, line 33-34, by deleting the phrase "one and one-fifteenth to one" and substituting the phrase "the ratio of one and two tenths to one (1.2:1)";

and on page 4, lines 15-16, by rewriting the lines to read:

- "b. Has an annual attachment point for claims incurred per individual that is lower than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for plan years beginning in 2013. For subsequent policy years, the amount shall be indexed using the Consumer Price Index for Medical Services for All Urban Consumers for the South Region and shall be rounded to the nearest whole thousand dollars. The index factor shall be the index as of July of the year preceding the change divided by the index as of July 2012.";



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and on page 4, line 20, by rewriting the line to read:

"2. Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for plan years beginning in 2013. For subsequent policy years, the amount shall be indexed using the Consumer Price Index for Medical Services for All Urban Consumers for the South Region and shall be rounded to the nearest whole thousand dollars. The index factor shall be the index as of July of the year preceding the change divided by the index as of July 2012.";

and on page 4, line 43, by rewriting the line to read:

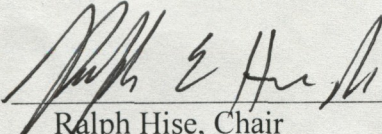
"stop loss coverage pursuant to this act. The Department of Insurance shall make the amount of the attachment points in Section 3 of this act available to the public annually."

The conferees recommend that the Senate and the House of Representatives adopt this report.

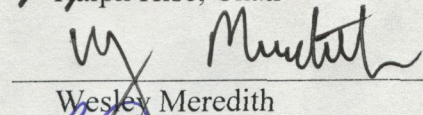
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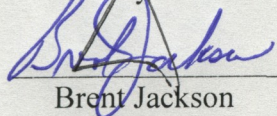
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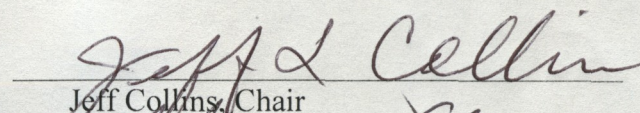
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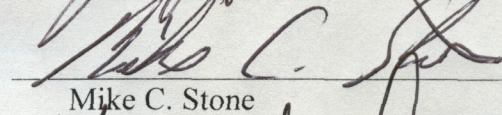
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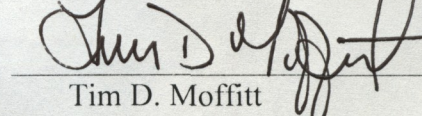
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