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HOUSE DRH30455-LNz-139 (3/22)

Short Title: LRC Study Health Insurance Mandates. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Owens, Bowie, Justus, and Blackwood (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM ON HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES TO JULY 1, 2006, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE RISING COST OF HEALTH CARE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 3 of S.L. 2001-453 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law. Section 1 of this act expires July 1, ~~2005~~2006."

SECTION 2. The Legislative Research Commission may study the issue of health insurance mandated benefits and the cost to employers and individuals of unfunded health insurance mandates. In conducting the study, the Commission shall consider cost-benefit analysis to determine the cost-efficiency of mandated benefits, including any cost-benefit analysis performed by the Department of Insurance. In conducting the study, the Commission shall consider how health insurance mandates improve patient care, how mandated preventive health services may be cost effective through early detection and treatment of disease, and whether health insurance mandates disproportionately impact small business through increased premium costs. The Commission shall make a progress report to the 2005 General Assembly upon its convening, and shall make its final report to the 2005 General Assembly upon its reconvening. Progress and final reports of the Commission may include recommended legislation.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.