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As Engrossed: S3/13/17
A Bill

SENATE BILL 642

5 By: Senator Rapert
6 *By: Representative Payton*
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO ALLOW MEDIGAP COVERAGE, ALSO KNOWN AS
10 MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE, TO BE PURCHASED IN
11 ARKANSAS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE
12 UNDER SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS OF AGE; TO REQUIRE THE
13 STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT TO AMEND STATE INSURANCE
14 DEPARTMENT RULE 27; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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17 **Subtitle**

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19 MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE, TO BE
20 PURCHASED IN ARKANSAS FOR INDIVIDUALS
21 WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE UNDER SIXTY-
22 FIVE (65) YEARS OF AGE; AND TO REQUIRE AN
23 AMENDMENT TO RULE 27.
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings and intent.

29 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

30 (1) Arkansans who are under sixty-five (65) years of age and
31 have Medicare due to a disability are unable to purchase certain policies of
32 Medigap coverage, also known as Medicare supplement insurance, under State
33 Insurance Department Rule 27; and

34 (2) The exclusion of the Medigap coverage option under State
35 Insurance Department Rule 27 may create an undue financial burden on Arkansas
36 residents.



1 **(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to ensure that Arkansans**
2 **have access to Medigap coverage that is currently available to individuals**
3 **with disabilities residing in other states.**

4 **(c)(1) The State Insurance Department shall amend State Insurance**
5 **Department Rule 27 to allow for the sale and purchase of certain policies of**
6 **Medigap coverage by Arkansans who are under sixty-five (65) years of age and**
7 **have Medicare due to a disability.**

8 **(2) On or before January 1, 2018, the department shall submit**
9 **its proposed amendment of the rule under subdivision (c)(1) of this section**
10 **to the Senate Committee on Insurance and Commerce for review and approval.**

11 **(3) The department shall include with its proposed amendment of**
12 **the rule under subdivision (c)(1) of this section:**

13 **(A) Written findings that address the Medigap premium**
14 **assessment process; and**

15 **(B) A written description of specific efforts the**
16 **department has taken to ensure that Medigap premiums that are made available**
17 **under the proposed rule are competitively priced.**

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19 /s/Rapert

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