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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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