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A Bill

SENATE BILL 642

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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20 FIVE (65) YEARS OF AGE; AND TO REQUIRE AN
21 AMENDMENT TO RULE 27.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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27 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings and intent.

28 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

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

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

36 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to ensure that Arkansans



1 have access to Medigap coverage that is currently available to individuals
2 with disabilities residing in other states.

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

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

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