1	State of Arkansas As Engrossed: \$3/13/17	
2	91st General Assembly A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2017	SENATE BILL 642
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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 A	S
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 INSU	RANCE
14	DEPARTMENT RULE 27; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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19	MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE, TO BE	
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22	FIVE (65) YEARS OF AGE; AND TO REQUIRE AN	I
23	AMENDMENT TO RULE 27.	
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26	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKA	NSAS:
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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) y	<u>ears of age and</u>
31	have Medicare due to a disability are unable to purchase c	<u>ertain policies of</u>
32	Medigap coverage, also known as Medicare supplement insura	<u>nce, under State</u>
33	Insurance Department Rule 27; and	
34	(2) The exclusion of the Medigap coverage opt	<u>ion under State</u>
35	Insurance Department Rule 27 may create an undue financial	<u>burden on Arkansas</u>
36	residents.	



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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)(l) 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)(l) 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)(l) 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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