

HB1242



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB1242

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

215 ILCS 122/5-3

Amends the Illinois Health Benefits Exchange Law. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the legislative intent.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Health Benefits Exchange Law is
5 amended by changing Section 5-3 as follows:

6 (215 ILCS 122/5-3)

7 Sec. 5-3. Legislative intent. The General Assembly finds
8 the ~~the~~ health benefits exchanges authorized by the federal
9 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act represent one of a
10 number of ways in which the State can address coverage gaps and
11 provide individual consumers and small employers access to
12 greater coverage options. The General Assembly also finds that
13 the State is best positioned to implement an exchange that is
14 sensitive to the coverage gaps and market landscape unique to
15 this State.

16 The purpose of this Law is to ensure that the State is
17 making sufficient progress towards establishing an exchange
18 within the guidelines outlined by the federal law and to
19 protect Illinoisans from undue federal regulation. Although
20 the federal law imposes a number of core requirements on
21 state-level exchanges, the State has significant flexibility
22 in the design and operation of a State exchange that make it
23 prudent for the State to carefully analyze, plan, and prepare

1 for the exchange. The General Assembly finds that in order for
2 the State to craft a tenable exchange that meets the
3 fundamental goals outlined by the Patient Protection and
4 Affordable Care Act of expanding access to affordable coverage
5 and improving the quality of care, the implementation process
6 should (1) provide for broad stakeholder representation; (2)
7 foster a robust and competitive marketplace, both inside and
8 outside of the exchange; and (3) provide for a broad-based
9 approach to the fiscal solvency of the exchange.

10 (Source: P.A. 97-142, eff. 7-14-11.)