

1 Amend engrossed bill, page 3, line 24, after "HEALTH" insert "BENEFIT".

2 Page 6, strike lines 10 through 18 and substitute:

3       **"SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date - applicability.** (1) This act takes effect January 1, 2027; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect January 1, 2027, or on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor, whichever is later.

13       (2) This act applies to large group health benefit plans issued or  
14 renewed on or after the applicable effective date of this act.".

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