

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to establish certain requirements for insurance policies covering certain long-term care services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That chapter 58-17B be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

If an insured is receiving benefits for long-term care services in a nursing home or assisted living facility under a long-term care policy or certificate subject to this chapter, and temporarily leaves the nursing home or assisted living facility for a period not to exceed fourteen days annually, the insurer may not reduce or limit benefits for long-term care charges incurred by the insured during that temporary absence unless otherwise provided in the policy or certificate. The insurer may not consider that absence in determining whether the insured qualifies or continues to qualify for a waiver of premium or other policy or certificate benefits or eligibility requirements. This Act applies to all policies or certificates that are issued after June 30, 2005.

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I certify that the attached Act
originated in the

SENATE as Bill No. 139

Secretary of the Senate
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President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

Senate Bill No. 139
File No. _____
Chapter No. _____

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Received at this Executive Office
this _____ day of _____ ,

20____ at _____ M.

By _____
for the Governor
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The attached Act is hereby
approved this _____ day of
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Governor
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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
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Office of the Secretary of State

Filed _____, 20____
at _____ o'clock __ M.

Secretary of State

By _____
Asst. Secretary of State