

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to provide for the continuation of certain health insurance coverage for dependents.

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

Section 1. That § 58-17-2.3 be amended to read as follows:

58-17-2.3. No insurer or health carrier issuing a health benefit plan that provides dependent coverage for any qualifying child, as defined by rules promulgated pursuant to § 58-17-87, may terminate coverage due to attainment of a limiting age below age nineteen, or, if a full-time student in an accredited institution of higher learning as of the close of the calendar year, below age twenty-four. If the dependent remains a full-time student upon attaining the age of twenty-four but not exceeding the age of twenty-nine, the insurer shall provide for the continuation of coverage for that dependent at the insured's option. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to any qualifying relative, as defined by rules promulgated pursuant to § 58-17-87, whose gross income is less than the exemption amount as prescribed by the director by rules promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-26. Continuation of coverage for full-time students attaining the age of twenty-four is not required if the dependent has other creditable coverage in force nor required for any full-time students who attained the age of twenty-four prior to July 1, 2007.

Section 2. That § 58-18-31.1 be amended to read as follows:

58-18-31.1. No insurer or health carrier issuing a health benefit plan that provides dependent coverage for any qualifying child, as defined by rules promulgated pursuant to § 58-18-79, may terminate coverage due to attainment of a limiting age below age nineteen, or, if a full-time student in an accredited institution of higher learning as of the close of the calendar year, below age twenty-four. If the dependent remains a full-time student upon attaining the age of twenty-four but not exceeding the age of twenty-nine, the insurer shall provide for the continuation of coverage for that

dependent at the insured's option. Nothing in this Act requires the employer to contribute any portion of the premium for dependents that are full-time students and have attained the age of twenty-four. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to any qualifying relative, as defined by rules promulgated pursuant to § 58-18-79, whose gross income is less than the exemption amount as prescribed by the director by rules promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-26. Continuation of coverage for full-time students attaining the age of twenty-four is not required if the dependent has other creditable coverage in force nor required for any full-time students who attained the age of twenty-four prior to July 1, 2007.

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I certify that the attached Act
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Secretary of the Senate

President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

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Governor

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Secretary of State

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