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a bill for an act

101 concerning the creation of a single geographic rating area
102 for health insurers to use when establishing rates for
103 individual health insurance plans.

bill summary

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under current law, health insurers are permitted to consider the geographic location of the policyholder when establishing health insurance rates for individual and group insurance plans.

the bill directs the commissioner of insurance to study the impacts and viability of creating a single geographic rating area, consisting of the...
entire state, for purposes of determining premium rates for individual health benefit plans.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 10-16-143 as follows:

10-16-143. Single geographic rating area - individual plans - study - report - repeal. (1) The commissioner shall conduct a study to determine the impacts and viability of establishing a single geographic area, consisting of the entire state, for use in determining premium rates for individual health benefit plans issued in the state.

(2) Upon completion of the study, but no later than August 1, 2016, the commissioner shall report and present the commissioner's findings and recommendations to the joint budget committee of the general assembly.

(3) This section is repealed, effective December 31, 2016.

SECTION 2. No appropriation. The general assembly has determined that this act can be implemented within existing appropriations, and therefore no separate appropriation of state money is necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.