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Introduced by Representative Branagan of Georgia

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; health insurance; pregnancy; Vermont Health Benefit
Exchange

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require health insurers offering plans in the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange to allow a pregnant individual to enroll in an Exchange plan at any time.

An act relating to allowing pregnant individuals to enroll in Exchange plans at any time

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 1811(1) is added to read:

(1) To the extent permitted under federal law, a registered carrier shall provide a special enrollment period for a pregnant individual at any time after the commencement of the pregnancy, as certified by a physician licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 23 or 33, a physician assistant licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 31, or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 28, subchapter 3. Coverage shall be deemed

1 effective as of the first of the month in which the individual receives
2 certification of the pregnancy.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.