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An act relating to separating the individual and small group health insurance markets for plan year 2022

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

Sec. 1. SEPARATING THE INDIVIDUAL AND SMALL GROUP HEALTH  
INSURANCE MARKETS FOR PLAN YEAR 2022

(a) Purpose. The purpose of this act is to allow for separate individual and small group health insurance markets for plan year 2022 in light of the increased opportunities for federal premium assistance available through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2, to eligible households purchasing qualified health benefit plans in the individual market.

(b) Definitions. As used in this section, “health benefit plan,” “registered carrier,” and “small employer” have the same meanings as in 33 V.S.A. § 1811.

(c) Separate plans and community rating. Notwithstanding any provision of 33 V.S.A. § 1811 to the contrary, for plan year 2022, a registered carrier shall:

(1) offer separate health benefit plans to individuals and families in the individual market and to small employers in the small group market;

(2) apply community rating in accordance with 33 V.S.A. § 1811(f) to determine the premiums for the carrier's plan year 2022 individual market plans separately from the premiums for its small group market plans; and

(3) file premium rates with the Green Mountain Care Board pursuant to 8 V.S.A. § 4062 separately for the carrier's individual market and small group market plans.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.