

General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by: (INS)

## AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INSURANCE FUND WORKING GROUP.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 19a-7p of the general statutes is
- 2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
- 3 passage):
- 4 (b) (1) As used in this section: (A) "Health insurance" means health
- 5 insurance of the types specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12)
- 6 of section 38a-469; and (B) "health care center" has the same meaning as
- 7 provided in section 38a-175.
- 8 (2) [Each] (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this
- 9 <u>subdivision, each</u> domestic insurer or domestic health care center doing
- 10 health insurance business in this state shall annually pay to the
- 11 Insurance Commissioner, for deposit in the Insurance Fund established
- 12 under section 38a-52a, a public health fee assessed by the Insurance
- 13 Commissioner pursuant to this section.
- 14 (B) The Insurance Commissioner, commencing July 1, 2025, shall

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- 15 reduce the amount of the public health fee deposited in the Insurance
- 16 Fund by one-fifth of the total amount paid each fiscal year with the
- 17 remainder of such fee to be deposited in the General Fund, with any
- 18 required adjustments to such fee on domestic insurers or domestic
- 19 <u>health care centers adjusted by the Insurance Commissioner</u>
- 20 <u>accordingly. For each subsequent fiscal year, through July 1, 2029, such</u>
- 21 <u>reduction shall be an additional one-fifth increment from the previous</u>
- 22 <u>fiscal year. On and after July 1, 2029, the entire amount of the public</u>
- 23 health fee shall be deposited in the General Fund.

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- (3) (A) Not later than September first, annually, each such insurer or health care center shall report to the Insurance Commissioner, in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, the number of insured or enrolled lives in this state as of May first immediately preceding the date for which such insurer or health care center is providing health insurance that provides coverage of the types specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469. Such number shall not include lives enrolled in Medicare, any medical assistance program administered by the Department of Social Services, workers' compensation insurance or Medicare Part C plans. The commissioner may require each such insurer or health care center or any other person to submit to the commissioner any records that are in such insurer's, health care center's or other person's possession if such records were used to prepare such insurer's or health care center's annual report submitted pursuant to this subparagraph.
- (B) Each such insurer or health care center that fails to timely submit an annual report pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall pay to the Insurance Commissioner, in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, a late filing fee of one hundred dollars per day for each day from the date that the annual report was due.
- (C) If the Insurance Commissioner determines that there is a discrepancy, other than a good faith discrepancy, between the number of insured or enrolled lives that the insurer or health care center

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reported to the commissioner pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision and the number of such lives that the insurer or health care center should have reported to the commissioner pursuant to said subparagraph (A), the insurer or health care center shall be liable for a civil penalty of not more than fifteen thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 38a-47 and 38a-48 of the general statutes, the Insurance Commissioner, in consultation with the Office of Policy and Management and the Commissioner of Revenue Services, shall transfer payment for the Office of Health Strategy over a five-year period, commencing July 1, 2025, from the Insurance Fund to the General Fund, with any required adjustments to assessments on domestic insurance companies or other domestic entities adjusted by the Insurance Commissioner accordingly. Such transfer shall be in increasing one-fifth increments over such five-year period.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	19a-7p(b)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2025	New section

## Statement of Purpose:

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To transfer over a five-year period from the Insurance Fund to the General Fund (1) the public health fee, and (2) payment for the Office of Health Strategy.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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