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1	AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5349
2	AMENDMENT NO Amend House Bill 5349, AS AMENDED, by
3	replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4	following:
5	"Section 5. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by
6	adding Section 368f as follows:
7	(215 ILCS 5/368f new)
8	Sec. 368f. Military service member insurance
9	reinstatement.
10	(a) No Illinois resident activated for military service and
11	no spouse or dependent of the resident who becomes eligible for
12	a federal government-sponsored health insurance program,
13	including the TriCare program providing coverage for civilian
14	dependents of military personnel, as a result of the activation
15	shall be denied reinstatement into the same individual health
16	insurance coverage with the health insurer that the resident
17	lapsed as a result of activation or becoming covered by the
18	federal government-sponsored health insurance program. The
19	resident shall have the right to reinstatement in the same
20	individual health insurance coverage without medical
21	underwriting, subject to payment of the current premium charged
22	to other persons of the same age and gender that are covered
23	under the same individual health coverage. Except in the case
24	of birth or adoption that occurs during the period of

activation, reinstatement must be into the same coverage type
as the resident held prior to lapsing the individual health
insurance coverage and at the same or, at the option of the
resident, higher deductible level. The reinstatement rights
provided under this subsection (a) are not available to a
resident or dependents if the activated person is discharged
from the military under other than honorable conditions.

(b) The health insurer with which the reinstatement is 8 being requested must receive a request for reinstatement no 9 later than 63 days following the later of (i) deactivation or 10 (ii) loss of coverage under the federal government-sponsored 11 health insurance program. The health insurer may request proof 12 of loss of coverage and the timing of the loss of coverage of 13 the government-sponsored coverage in order to determine 14 eligibility for reinstatement into the individual coverage. 15 The effective date of the reinstatement of individual health 16 coverage shall be the first of the month following receipt of 17 the notice requesting reinstatement. 18

19 <u>(c) All insurers must provide written notice to the</u> 20 <u>policyholder of individual health coverage of the rights</u> 21 <u>described in subsection (a) of this Section. In lieu of the</u> 22 <u>inclusion of the notice in the individual health insurance</u> 23 <u>policy, an insurance company may satisfy the notification</u> 24 <u>requirement by providing a single written notice:</u>

(1) in conjunction with the enrollment process for a
 policyholder initially enrolling in the individual
 coverage on or after the effective date of this amendatory
 Act of the 94th General Assembly; or

29 (2) by mailing written notice to policyholders whose
 30 coverage was effective prior to the effective date of this
 31 amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly no later than
 32 90 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act
 33 of the 94th General Assembly.

34 (d) The provisions of subsection (a) of this Section do not

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apply to any policy or certificate providing coverage for any 1 specified disease, specified accident or accident-only 2 3 coverage, credit, dental, disability income, hospital indemnity, long-term care, Medicare supplement, vision care, 4 5 or short-term nonrenewable health policy or other limited-benefit supplemental insurance, or any coverage issued 6 7 as a supplement to any liability insurance, workers' 8 compensation or similar insurance, or any insurance under which benefits are payable with or without regard to fault, whether 9 10 written on a group, blanket, or individual basis.

11 <u>(e) Nothing in this Section shall require an insurer to</u> 12 <u>reinstate the resident if the insurer requires residency in an</u> 13 <u>enrollment area and those residency requirements are not met</u> 14 <u>after deactivation or loss of coverage under the</u> 15 <u>government-sponsored health insurance program.</u>

16 (f) All terms, conditions, and limitations of the 17 individual coverage into which reinstatement is made apply 18 equally to all insureds enrolled in the coverage.

(q) The Secretary may adopt rules as may be necessary to
 carry out the provisions of this Section.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 22 becoming law.".