## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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S 1 SENATE BILL 1149\* Short Title: Small Employer Health Plans. (Public) Sponsors: Senators Soles and Conder. Referred to: Pensions and Retirement/Insurance/State Personnel. May 15, 1996 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONFORM THE LAW GOVERNING SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS TO 1995 LEGISLATION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION'S COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND INSURANCE-RELATED ISSUES. The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: Section 1. G.S. 58-50-130(a)(2) reads as rewritten: In determining whether a preexisting-conditions provision applies to an "(2)eligible employee or to a dependent, all health benefit plans shall credit the time the person was covered under a previous group-health benefit plan if the previous coverage was continuous to a date not more than 60 days before the effective date of the new coverage, exclusive of any applicable waiting period under the plan. As used in this subdivision with respect to previous coverage, 'health benefit plan' is not limited to plans subject to this act under G.S. 58-50-115." Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

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