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By the Committee on Insurance and Representatives Murman, Waters, Benson, Harrell, Ritter, Sobel, Slosberg, Farkas, Simmons, Negron, Romeo, Prieguez, Melvin, Kallinger, Ross, Clarke, Bucher, Cusack, Littlefield, Joyner and Diaz de la Portilla A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to health insurers and health 3 maintenance organizations; creating s. 4 627.6474, F.S.; prohibiting health insurers from requiring contracted health care providers 5 to accept the terms of other health care 6 7 contracts as a condition of continuation or renewal; amending s. 627.662, F.S.; applying 8 9 such prohibition to group health insurance, blanket health insurance, and franchise health 10 insurance; amending s. 641.315, F.S.; applying 11 12 such prohibition to health maintenance organizations; providing an effective date. 13 14 15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 16 17 Section 1. Section 627.6474, Florida Statutes, is 18 created to read: 19 627.6474 Provider contracts. -- A health insurer shall 20 not require a contracted health care provider licensed under 21 chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, chapter 461, or chapter 22 466 to accept the terms of other health care provider 23 contracts as a condition of continuation or renewal. Any 24 contract provision that violates this section is void. A 25 violation of this section is not subject to the criminal penalty specified in s. 624.15. 26 27 Section 2. Subsection (11) is added to section 627.662, Florida Statutes, to read: 28 627.662 Other provisions applicable. -- The following 29 30 provisions apply to group health insurance, blanket health insurance, and franchise health insurance: 31 1

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(11) Section 627.6474, relating to provider contracts. Section 3. Subsection (10) is added to section 642.315, Florida Statutes, to read: 641.315 Provider contracts.--(10) A health maintenance organization shall not require a contracted health care provider licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, chapter 461, or chapter 466 to accept the terms of other health care provider contracts as a condition of continuation or renewal. Any contract provision that violates this subsection is void. A violation of this subsection is not subject to the criminal penalty specified in s. 624.15. Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, and shall apply to contracts entered into or renewed on or after that date. 

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