By Senator Bennett

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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to health insurance; prohibiting health insurers from limiting 3 4 health insurance coverage to certain counties 5 in the state; requiring health insurers to make health insurance coverage available in each 6 7 county; prohibiting certain health insurers from selling or offering for sale health 8 9 insurance under certain circumstances; 10 requiring the Office of Insurance Regulation of the Financial Services Commission to monitor 11 health insurers to determine and ensure 12 compliance; requiring the office to enforce 13 compliance; providing an effective date. 14 15 16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 17 Section 1. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of 18 19 law, an insurer that sells or offers for sale in this state 20 policies of health insurance shall not limit such insurance 21 coverage to eligible insureds in specific counties of this 22 state. Each such health insurer shall make such insurance coverage available to eligible insureds in each county of this 23 state. Any health insurer that attempts to limit health 24 25 insurance coverage to eligible insureds in less than every 26 county in this state shall be prohibited from selling or 27 offering for sale health insurance in this state. 2.8 (2) The Office of Insurance Regulation of the 29 Financial Services Commission shall monitor each health 30 insurer that sells or offers for sale health insurance in this state to determine and ensure compliance with the requirements

of this section. The office shall enforce the provisions of this section if the office determines that a health insurer fails to comply with the requirements of this section. Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.