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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to genetic information for insurance
3	purposes; amending s. 627.4301, F.S.; providing
4	definitions; prohibiting life insurers and long-term
5	care insurers from canceling, limiting, or denying
6	coverage, or establishing differentials in premium
7	rates based on genetic information under certain
8	circumstances; prohibiting such insurers from taking
9	certain actions relating to genetic information for
10	any insurance purpose; providing applicability;
11	providing an effective date.
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13	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15	Section 1. Section 627.4301, Florida Statutes, is amended
16	to read:
17	627.4301 Genetic information for insurance purposes
18	(1) DEFINITIONSAs used in this section, the term:
19	(a) "Genetic information" means information derived from
20	genetic testing to determine the presence or absence of
21	variations or mutations, including carrier status, in an
22	individual's genetic material or genes that are scientifically
23	or medically believed to cause a disease, disorder, or syndrome,
24	or are associated with a statistically increased risk of
25	developing a disease, disorder, or syndrome, which is
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26 asymptomatic at the time of testing. Such testing does not 27 include routine physical examinations or chemical, blood, or 28 urine analysis, unless conducted purposefully to obtain genetic 29 information, or questions regarding family history. 30 (b) "Health insurer" means an authorized insurer offering health insurance as defined in s. 624.603, a self-insured plan 31 32 as defined in s. 624.031, a multiple-employer welfare 33 arrangement as defined in s. 624.437, a prepaid limited health service organization as defined in s. 636.003, a health 34 35 maintenance organization as defined in s. 641.19, a prepaid health clinic as defined in s. 641.402, a fraternal benefit 36 37 society as defined in s. 632.601, or any health care arrangement 38 whereby risk is assumed. 39 (C) "Life insurer" has the same meaning as in s. 624.602 and includes an insurer issuing life insurance contracts that 40 41 grant additional benefits in the event of the insured's 42 disability. 43 "Long-term care insurer" means an insurer that issues (d) 44 long-term care insurance policies as described in s. 627.9404. 45 USE OF GENETIC INFORMATION.-(2) 46 In the absence of a diagnosis of a condition related (a) 47 to genetic information, no health insurers, life insurers, and 48 long-term care insurers insurer authorized to transact insurance 49 in this state may not cancel, limit, or deny coverage, or 50 establish differentials in premium rates, based on such Page 2 of 3

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51 information.

52 (b) Health insurers, life insurers, and long-term care 53 <u>insurers</u> may not require or solicit genetic information, use 54 genetic test results, or consider a person's decisions or 55 actions relating to genetic testing in any manner for any 56 insurance purpose.

57 (C) This section does not apply to the underwriting or 58 issuance of an a life insurance policy, disability income policy, long-term care policy, accident-only policy, hospital 59 indemnity or fixed indemnity policy, dental policy, or vision 60 policy or any other actions of an insurer directly related to an 61 62 a life insurance policy, disability income policy, long-term care policy, accident-only policy, hospital indemnity or fixed 63 64 indemnity policy, dental policy, or vision policy.

65 Section 2. <u>This act applies to policies entered into or</u> 66 <u>renewed on or after January 1, 2021.</u>

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

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