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HOUSE BILL NO. 1639

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the House Committee on Labor and Commerce
on January 16, 2025)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Hope)

A BILL to amend and reenact the third enactment of Chapter 682 and the third enactment of Chapter 683 of the Acts of Assembly of 2023 and to repeal the fourth enactment of Chapter 682 and the fourth enactment of Chapter 683 of the Acts of Assembly of 2023, relating to health insurance; tobacco surcharge; sunset repealed.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the third enactment of Chapter 682 and the third enactment of Chapter 683 of the Acts of Assembly of 2023 are amended and reenacted as follows:

3. That the State Corporation Commission shall prepare and deliver an annual report summarizing the reductions in premiums related to the elimination of the tobacco surcharge and the percentage of new enrollees in localities with above-average rates of tobacco use to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Committee on Labor and Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor by January 1 of each year and shall make its final report by January 1, 2026.

2. That the fourth enactment of Chapter 682 and the fourth enactment of Chapter 683 of the Acts of Assembly of 2023 are repealed.

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