

By: Representative Yancey

To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 1156

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-9-401, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REMOVE THE EXEMPTION FOR ERISA AND SELF-FUNDED PLANS FROM THE
3 REQUIREMENT THAT THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR A PERSON WHO IS
4 IN-STATE BUT HAS AN OUT-OF-STATE HEALTH BENEFIT POLICY BE THE SAME
5 AS THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE IN THE STATE OF ISSUANCE IF THAT RATE IS
6 HIGHER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 83-9-401, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 83-9-401. Any insurer, subcontractor, third-party
11 administrator or other payor that administers a health benefit
12 policy issued in another state that covers a person in this state,
13 shall reimburse providers at the reimbursement rate as provided in
14 the state of issuance, if that reimbursement rate is higher than
15 the reimbursement rate in this state and if the premium for such
16 policy was based on certain benefits and provider network
17 reimbursements in the issuing state. Furthermore, if a benefit is
18 provided in the issuing state, that benefit must be provided to
19 covered persons in this state. The Commissioner of Insurance may



20 adopt rules and regulations necessary to ensure policyholder
21 protection and compliance with this section. * * *

22 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
23 and after July 1, 2025.

