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Health Reinsurance Association

Connecticut Small Employer Health Reinsurance Pool

Testimony by the Health Reinsurance Association IN SUPPORT OF RAISED BILL NO. 478 - ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE HEALTH REINSURANCE ASSOCIATION AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONNECTICUT SMALL EMPLOYER REINSURANCE POOL, UPDATING THE PREEXISTING CONDITIONS STATUTE, AND CONCERNING SMALL EMPLOYER PREMIUM RATE APPROVAL.***

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The Connecticut Health Care Act of 1975 created the Health Reinsurance Association (HRA) to make available to eligible individuals in Connecticut a comprehensive health care plan designed to help meet medical costs of non-occupational injuries and diseases. HRA is a non-profit association comprised of all private insurance companies and HMOs that provide health insurance in Connecticut.

The Connecticut Small Employer Health Reinsurance Pool (CSEHRP) was created by Sec. 38a-569, Chapter 700c, and has been operating since May 1991. It was implemented to benefit the small employer insurance market by reducing claim fluctuation and spreading the risk of adverse selection associated with a guaranteed issue environment in the small employer market.

The Board of Directors for the Health Reinsurance Association and Connecticut Small Employer Health Reinsurance support Raised Bill No. 478. This raised bill will update the statutes for the continuity of regulation of insurance in the individual and small employer markets going forward. Changes have been made to areas where the revisions had created conflicts, errors, and ambiguity in the current statutes.