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Proposed Bill No. 5340

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Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE PROGRAM IN CONNECTICUT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to: (1) Establish (A) a self-
- 2 insured single payer health care program for this state which shall,
- 3 among other things, (i) operate on a fee-for-service basis with individual
- 4 health care providers, and utilize global budgets for hospitals and long-
- 5 term care facilities, negotiated on the basis of need, (ii) expand access to
- 6 all residents of this state and coverage for health care benefits including,
- 7 but not limited to, dental, vision, hearing, hearing aid, durable medical
- 8 equipment, reproductive health care, long-term care and prescription
- 9 drug benefits as well as benefits for all other medically indicated health
- 10 care, (iii) be funded through taxation in lieu of premiums, (iv) not
- 11 impose any coinsurance, copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket
- 12 expense for a covered benefit provided to an enrollee, (v) use a broad

13 provider network, (vi) not utilize balance billing, (vii) expand the
14 negotiating pool of insureds for all residents of this state, (viii) include
15 a vehicle to analyze the true costs to, and savings generated for,
16 residents of this state, (ix) provide channels to contain health care costs
17 and increase accountability and oversight, (x) prioritize preventative
18 health care access, early intervention, reducing costs and improving
19 health outcomes and investment in this state's business environment,
20 and (xi) support transitions by this state's displaced insurance
21 workforce, and (B) various agencies and entities to oversee this state's
22 single payer health care program; and (2) request a waiver from the
23 federal government pursuant to Section 1332 of the Patient Protection
24 and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended from time to time.

Statement of Purpose:

To: (1) Establish (A) a self-insured single payer health care program for this state, and (B) various agencies and entities to oversee this state's single payer health care program; and (2) request a waiver from the federal government pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.