SHB 1732 - H AMD **779**

By Representative Abbarno

SCOPE AND OBJECT 01/19/2022

1 On page 9, line 21, after "(1)" strike "Beginning ((January 1, 2 2022)) and insert (a) ((Beginning January 1, 2022)) Subject to (b) 3 of this subsection, beginning" 4 5 On page 9, after line 36, insert the following: 6 "(b) The premium assessment under (a) of this subsection must be 7 suspended for 18 months if the legislature has not passed legislation 8 signed by the governor that establishes an annual exemption period of 9 at least six weeks for employees born before January 1, 1968, as well 10 as other employees, who attest that they have purchased long-term care 11 <u>insurance</u>. If, by the end of the 18 month suspension, the legislature 12 has not passed legislation signed by the governor to exempt employees 13 born before January 1, 1968, as well as other employees, who attest 14 that they have purchased long-term care insurance, an additional 15 suspension of the premium assessment for 18 months must occur. The 16 delay must be repeated in 18 month increments until the legislature 17 has passed legislation signed by the governor to exempt employees born 18 before January 1, 1968, as well as other employees, who attest that 19 they have purchased long-term care insurance."

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EFFECT: Suspends the premium assessment collection that is due to begin on July 1, 2023, by 18 months if, by that date, the Legislature has not passed legislation signed by the Governor to establish an annual exemption period of at least six weeks for employees born before January 1, 1968, and other employees, who attest to having purchased long-term care insurance. Provides that, if such legislation has not passed and been signed by the end of the 18-month suspension, an additional 18-month suspension must occur. Repeats the cycle of 18-month delays until such legislation has been passed and signed.