SB167 ENGROSSED



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5	A BILL
6	TO BE ENTITLED
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9	Relating to health insurance; to allow health insurers
10	to communicate with enrollees regarding their health insurance
11	plan or policy by electronic means.
12	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
13	Section 1. (a) As used in this section, the following
14	terms have the following meanings:
15	(1) HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN. Any policy or contract for
16	health care services, including a vision or dental benefit
17	plan issued, delivered, issued for delivery, renewed in this
18	state by a health care insurer, health maintenance
19	organization, accident and sickness insurer, fraternal benefit
20	society, nonprofit hospital service corporation, nonprofit
21	medical service corporation, health care service plan, or any
22	other individual, firm, corporation, joint venture, or other
23	similar business entity that pays for, purchases, or furnishes
24	health care services to patients, insureds, or beneficiaries
25	in this state, including any entity created pursuant to
26	Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 10, Code of Alabama 1975.
27	(2) PLAN SPONSOR. Any person who establishes, adopts,
28	or maintains a health benefit plan, including an employer.





- 29 (b) A health benefit plan may provide all
 30 communications relating to a health benefit plan, including
 31 any health insurance identification card, to covered
 32 individuals of the health benefit plan by electronic means,
 33 provided the plan sponsor has done all of the following:
 - (1) Provided the consent to the mailing of all communications related to the plan by electronic means on behalf of covered individuals enrolled in the plan to the health benefit plan.

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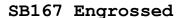
- 38 (2) Confirmed that the enrollee routinely uses
 39 electronic communications on a regular basis. This may be
 40 confirmed by the employer of an enrollee if the employer is
 41 the plan sponsor.
- (3) Notified the enrollee of the electronic

 communication option and provided the enrollee with the

 opportunity to opt out of delivery by electronic

 communication. This notice may also be provided by the health

 benefit plan.
- Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first day of the third month following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.





50 51 52 Senate Read for the first time and referred04-Apr-23 53 54 to the Senate committee on Banking and Insurance 55 56 57 Read for the second time and placed19-Apr-23 on the calendar: 58 0 amendments 59 60 Read for the third time and passed25-Apr-23 61 62 as amended Yeas 32 63 Nays 0 64 Abstains 0 65 66 67 68 Patrick Harris, 69 Secretary.

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