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SENATE DRS35206-MM-73 (03/13)

Short Title: Third-Party Premium Payments. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Pate (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW THIRD-PARTY PREMIUM PAYMENTS FOR HEALTH BENEFIT
3 PLANS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 3 of Chapter 58 of the North Carolina General Statutes is
6 amended by adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 58-3-305. Third-party premium payments; refusal of acceptance.**

8 (a) A health benefit plan must accept a premium payment made by a third party to the
9 insurance contract provided the payment is made from or pursuant to a fund or grant
10 established by any of the following:

11 (1) The Ryan White HIV/AIDS program pursuant to Title XXVI of the Public
12 Health Service Act.

13 (2) Native American tribes or tribal organizations.

14 (3) State or federal government programs.

15 (4) The American Kidney Foundation.

16 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a health benefit plan to accept a
17 third-party premium payment for a health care provider.

18 (c) As used in this section, "health benefit plan" is as defined in G.S. 58-3-167(a)(1)."

19 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2015, and applies to health
20 benefit contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after that date.

