

# HOUSE BILL NO. 527

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HILL.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

### AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to health benefit plan open enrollment periods.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 376, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 376.1950 and 376.1960, to read as follows:

**376.1950. Any health carrier or health benefit plan that offers or issues individual health benefit plans which are delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this state shall release and make available to the public its individual health benefit plan rates and designs no later than forty-five days prior to the beginning of the annual enrollment period, in accordance with federal law.**

**376.1960. 1. Any health carrier or health benefit plan that offers or issues health benefit plans which are delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this state shall accept applications during open enrollment periods through:**

**(1) The last day of December for policies that will go into effect on the first day of January;**

**(2) The last day of January for policies that will go into effect on the first day of February; and**

**(3) The last day of February for policies that will go into effect on the first day of March.**

**2. No provision in this section or section 376.1950 shall be construed to provide the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration with approval authority over any health benefit rates or plans.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.