

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to establish the Zaniya Project Task Force, to prescribe its mission and composition, and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. There is established the Zaniya Project Task Force, which shall be attached to the South Dakota Health Care Commission. The task force shall develop a plan, complete with action steps and timelines, to provide health insurance to South Dakota residents who lack health insurance coverage. The task force shall seek to create efficiencies in the purchase of health insurance products. For any new proposal it recommends, the task force shall prepare cost estimates and designate funding sources. As part of its charge, the task force shall explore and pursue opportunities available from the federal government.

Section 2. The Zaniya Project Task Force shall be comprised of four legislators and other members appointed by the Governor as described in this section. The speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint at least two legislators who are members of the House, with at least one member from each political party, and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint at least two legislators who are members of the Senate, with at least one member from each political party. The Governor shall appoint no less than two representatives of each of the following groups:

- (1) Health care providers;
- (2) Health care facilities;
- (3) Insurance carriers and producers;
- (4) Employers;
- (5) State government;
- (6) Lay persons;
- (7) Trade associations; and

(8) Tribal health professionals.

Section 3. The Zaniya Project Task Force shall provide its final report to the Health Care Commission, the Governor, and the Legislature by September 30, 2007.

Section 4. The provisions of this Act are repealed on March 1, 2008.

Section 5. Whereas, this Act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.