

House Bill 1152

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 48-7-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 computation of taxable net income, so as to provide for an income tax deduction for certain
3 health insurance premium payments by individuals; to provide for income based caps; to
4 provide a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to
5 provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
6 other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Health Coverage Affordability and
10 Fairness Act."

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 The General Assembly finds that:

13 (1) Many Georgia families struggle to afford health insurance even when employer
14 sponsored plans are offered;

- 15 (2) Rising health insurance premiums impose a disproportionate burden on middle-income
16 households;
- 17 (3) Allowing a state tax deduction for employee paid health insurance premiums will help
18 families maintain coverage and reduce the uninsured rate; and
- 19 (4) The state should structure the deduction to concentrate benefits among low-income and
20 middle-income workers while ensuring fiscal responsibility.

21 **SECTION 3.**

22 Code Section 48-7-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to computation of
23 taxable net income, is amended in subsection (a) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph
24 (14), by replacing the period at the end of paragraph (15) with "; and", and by adding a new
25 paragraph to read as follows:

26 "(16)(A) As used in this paragraph, the term 'qualifying taxpayer' means a taxpayer
27 with a federal adjusted gross income, as defined in the federal Internal Revenue Code
28 of 1986, of \$60,000.00 or less for a single taxpayer, head of household, or married
29 taxpayer filing a separate return, and \$120,000.00 or less for a married couple filing a
30 joint return.

31 (B) An amount equal to 100 percent of the health insurance premium paid by a
32 qualifying taxpayer for employer sponsored health insurance, individual marketplace
33 coverage purchased through a state or federal exchange, or COBRA continuation
34 coverage during the taxable year, including medical, dental, and vision insurance
35 premiums, but not including deductibles, copayments, or other cost-sharing
36 arrangements, to the extent such deductions have not been included in federal adjusted
37 gross income, as defined under the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and the
38 expenses have not been provided from a health reimbursement arrangement and have
39 not been included in itemized nonbusiness deductions.

40 (C) The commissioner shall be authorized to promulgate any rules and regulations
41 necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this paragraph. The
42 commissioner may require documentation of premium payments, including employer
43 statements, marketplace forms, or insurer invoices.

44 (D) The department shall produce an annual estimate of fiscal impact associated with
45 the deduction provided for in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph and shall make such
46 estimate available to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations."

47 **SECTION 4.**

48 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
49 without such approval and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on and after
50 January 1, 2026.

51 **SECTION 5.**

52 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.