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Synopsis of House Committee Amendments

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House Economic and Workforce Development

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Universal Regulatory Sandbox Program

- Creates the Universal Regulatory Sandbox Program (hereinafter referred to as the “sandbox program”).
- Establishes the Universal Regulatory Sandbox Program Advisory Committee and a regulatory relief division, within the Governor’s Common Sense Initiative (CSI) office, to administer the sandbox program.
- Provides guidelines and required materials for the sandbox program application.
- Describes the evaluation process of applicants to the sandbox program.
- Establishes guidelines on the limits of an approved participant’s demonstration and offering.
- Requires participants in the sandbox program to make certain disclosures to consumers before engaging in transactions.
- Establishes recordkeeping requirements for sandbox program participants.
- Permits a five year demonstration period, but allows the participant to request up to three 12-month extensions of the demonstration period.
- Implements reporting requirements for sandbox program participants, state agencies, and the regulatory relief division.
- Requires the regulatory relief division to collect public suggestions to reform state laws and regulations to reduce regulatory burdens.

Insurance coverage for occupational therapy, physical therapy, and chiropractic services

- Prohibits a health benefit plan from imposing cost sharing for occupational therapy, physical therapy, or chiropractic services that is greater than the cost sharing for an office visit to a primary care physician or osteopath physician.
- Requires a health plan issuer to clearly state on its website and on all relevant literature that coverage for occupational therapy, physical therapy, and chiropractic services is available along with any limitations.
- Makes a violation of the bill's provisions an unfair and deceptive practice in the business of insurance.

Political yard signs

- Prohibits homeowners, neighborhood, civic, and other associations from restricting the display of political yard signs.