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## Bill Summary =

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## Overview

This bill would permit a health plan to be sold in Minnesota regardless of whether it meets the requirements imposed on states by the federal health care reform bill.

Certain federally nonqualified health plans; sale permitted. Defines "qualified health plan" as one approved by the U.S. secretary of health and human services as meeting the requirements of the federal health care reform bill. Defines "nonqualified health plan" as one not meeting those requirements. Provides that, under Minnesota law, it will continue to be legal to sell a health plan in Minnesota regardless of whether it is federally-qualified or not. Prohibits using this section to authorize, establish, or operate a health insurance exchange. Makes the bill effective immediately upon enactment.