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1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to MNsure; requiring the commissioner of commerce to seek federal
 1.3 approval to allow small businesses health care tax credit for enrollment occurring
 1.4 in small group health plans outside of MNsure.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **EXPANDED ACCESS TO THE SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH CARE**
 1.7 **TAX CREDIT.**

1.8 (a) The commissioner of commerce, in consultation with the board of directors of
 1.9 MNsure and the MNsure Legislative Oversight Committee, shall develop a proposal to
 1.10 allow small employers the ability to receive the small business health care tax credit
 1.11 when the small employer pays the premiums on behalf of employees enrolled in either a
 1.12 qualified health plan offered through a small business health options program (SHOP)
 1.13 marketplace or a small group health plan offered outside of the small health options
 1.14 program marketplace within MNsure. To be eligible for the tax credit, the small employer
 1.15 must meet the requirements under the Affordable Care Act, except that employees may be
 1.16 enrolled in a small group health plan product offered outside of MNsure.

1.17 (b) The commissioner shall seek all federal waivers and approvals necessary
 1.18 to implement this proposal. The commissioner shall submit a draft proposal to the
 1.19 MNsure Board and the MNsure Legislative Oversight Committee at least 30 days before
 1.20 submitting a final proposal to the federal government, and shall notify the board and
 1.21 Legislative Oversight Committee of any federal decision or action received regarding the
 1.22 proposal and submitted waiver.

1.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.