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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to insurance; requiring the commissioner of commerce to redraw the

1.3 geographic rating areas every ten years based on census data; amending Minnesota

1.4 Statutes 2018, sections 62A.65, by adding a subdivision; 62L.08, by adding a

1.5 subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62A.65, is amended by adding a subdivision

1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 3c. **Geographic rating areas.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 3, paragraph (b),

1.10 the commissioner must redraw the geographic rating area boundaries for the individual

1.11 market every ten years based on data from the census conducted by the United States Census

1.12 Bureau, beginning with the 2020 census. The commissioner must use the total population

1.13 number for Minnesota from the census and divide the number by the number of geographic

1.14 areas. Each new geographic area must contain the same number of individuals residing in

1.15 each of the geographic areas, based on census data.

1.16 (b) The new geographic areas are effective for the plan year that begins January 1 of the

1.17 even-numbered year following the year the census was completed.

1.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62L.08, is amended by adding a subdivision to

1.19 read:

1.20 Subd. 4a. **Geographic rating areas.** (a) The commissioner must redraw the geographic

1.21 rating area boundaries for the small employer market every ten years based on data from

1.22 the census conducted by the United States Census Bureau, beginning with the 2020 census.

1.23 The commissioner must use the total population number for Minnesota from the census and

- 2.1 divide the number by the number of geographic areas. Each new geographic area must
- 2.2 contain the same number of individuals residing in each of the geographic areas, based on
- 2.3 census data.
- 2.4 (b) The new geographic areas are effective for the plan year that begins January 1 of the
- 2.5 even-numbered year following the year the census was completed.