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insurance; optometrists; contracts; covered services

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CHAPTER 72

HOUSE BILL 2047

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 20-849; AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 9, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 20-1057.18; AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 4, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 20-1342.07; AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTIONS 20-1402.05 AND 20-1404.05; RELATING TO OPTOMETRY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 20, chapter 4, article 3, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 20-849, to read:

4 20-849. Contracts; optometrists; covered services; definition

5 A. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION, A CONTRACT,
6 ENTERED INTO OR RENEWED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2022, BETWEEN AN OPTOMETRIC
7 SERVICE CORPORATION AND AN OPTOMETRIST WHO IS LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN THIS
8 STATE SHALL NOT:

9 1. REQUIRE THE OPTOMETRIST TO PROVIDE A SERVICE TO AN INDIVIDUAL
10 COVERED UNDER A SUBSCRIPTION CONTRACT BASED ON A FEE SET BY THE OPTOMETRIC
11 SERVICE CORPORATION UNLESS THE SERVICE FOR WHICH THE FEE APPLIES IS A
12 COVERED SERVICE UNDER THE INDIVIDUAL'S SUBSCRIPTION CONTRACT.

13 2. PROHIBIT AN OPTOMETRIST FROM OFFERING OR PROVIDING A VISION
14 SERVICE THAT IS NOT A COVERED SERVICE TO A COVERED INDIVIDUAL AT A FEE
15 DETERMINED BY THE OPTOMETRIST OR BY THE OPTOMETRIST AND THE COVERED
16 INDIVIDUAL.

17 3. REQUIRE AN OPTOMETRIST TO USE ONE OR MORE SPECIFIC VENDORS TO
18 REPLENISH THE OPTOMETRIST'S INVENTORY OF SPECTACLE LENSES AFTER THE
19 OPTOMETRIST DISPENSES THE OPTOMETRIST'S INVENTORY TO ELIGIBLE MEMBERS OF
20 THE VISION PLAN AS A COVERED VISION SERVICE.

21 B. THIS SECTION APPLIES TO AN ADMINISTRATOR PROVIDING THIRD-PARTY
22 ADMINISTRATION SERVICES OR A PROVIDER NETWORK FOR A VISION PLAN.

23 C. THIS SECTION DOES NOT RESTRICT THE ABILITY OF AN OPTOMETRIC
24 SERVICE CORPORATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR AN OPTOMETRIST TO
25 PARTICIPATE IN A DISCOUNT PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE OPTOMETRIC SERVICE
26 CORPORATION FOR SERVICES THAT ARE NOT COVERED IF:

27 1. PARTICIPATION IN THE OPTOMETRIC SERVICE CORPORATION NETWORK IS
28 NOT CONTINGENT ON PARTICIPATION IN THE SPONSORED DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

29 2. THE OPTOMETRIC SERVICE CORPORATION OFFERS EQUAL TREATMENT TO AN
30 OPTOMETRIST WHO DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN A SPONSORED DISCOUNT PROGRAM,
31 REGARDING:

32 (a) PROMOTIONAL TREATMENT.

33 (b) MARKETING BENEFITS.

34 (c) MATERIALS.

35 (d) CONTRACT TERMS FOR PROVIDING A COVERED SERVICE.

36 D. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION C, PARAGRAPH 2, SUBDIVISION (d) OF
37 THIS SECTION, AN OPTOMETRIC SERVICE CORPORATION, WHEN PROVIDING A
38 TYPICALLY FORMATTED LIST OF OPTOMETRISTS IN THE OPTOMETRIC SERVICE
39 CORPORATION NETWORK, MAY IDENTIFY WHETHER AN OPTOMETRIST PARTICIPATES IN A
40 DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR SERVICES NOT COVERED BY THE OPTOMETRIC SERVICE
41 CORPORATION IF ALL LISTS STATE THAT OTHER DISCOUNTS MAY BE AVAILABLE WITH
42 INDIVIDUAL OPTOMETRISTS.

43 E. ALL CONTRACTS SHALL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION BY THE
44 FIRST RENEWAL PERIOD ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2022, BUT NOT LATER THAN
45 DECEMBER 31, 2022.

1 F. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "COVERED SERVICE" MEANS A
2 SERVICE FOR WHICH ANY REIMBURSEMENT IS AVAILABLE UNDER A SUBSCRIPTION
3 CONTRACT WITHOUT REGARD TO CONTRACTUAL LIMITATIONS BY A DEDUCTIBLE,
4 COPAYMENT, COINSURANCE, WAITING PERIOD, ANNUAL OR LIFETIME MAXIMUM,
5 FREQUENCY LIMITATION, ALTERNATIVE BENEFIT PAYMENT, EXCLUSION OR OTHER
6 LIMITATION.

7 Sec. 2. Title 20, chapter 4, article 9, Arizona Revised Statutes,
8 is amended by adding section 20-1057.18, to read:

9 20-1057.18. Contracts; optometrists; covered services;
10 definition

11 A. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION, A CONTRACT,
12 ENTERED INTO OR RENEWED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2022, BETWEEN A HEALTH CARE
13 SERVICES ORGANIZATION AND AN OPTOMETRIST WHO IS LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN
14 THIS STATE SHALL NOT:

15 1. REQUIRE THE OPTOMETRIST TO PROVIDE A SERVICE TO AN INDIVIDUAL
16 COVERED UNDER AN EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE BASED ON A FEE SET BY THE HEALTH
17 CARE SERVICES ORGANIZATION UNLESS THE SERVICE FOR WHICH THE FEE APPLIES IS
18 A COVERED SERVICE UNDER THE INDIVIDUAL'S EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE.

19 2. PROHIBIT AN OPTOMETRIST FROM OFFERING OR PROVIDING A VISION
20 SERVICE THAT IS NOT A COVERED SERVICE TO A COVERED INDIVIDUAL AT A FEE
21 DETERMINED BY THE OPTOMETRIST OR BY THE OPTOMETRIST AND THE COVERED
22 INDIVIDUAL.

23 3. REQUIRE AN OPTOMETRIST TO USE ONE OR MORE SPECIFIC VENDORS TO
24 REPLENISH THE OPTOMETRIST'S INVENTORY OF SPECTACLE LENSES AFTER THE
25 OPTOMETRIST DISPENSES THE OPTOMETRIST'S INVENTORY TO ELIGIBLE MEMBERS OF
26 THE VISION PLAN AS A COVERED VISION SERVICE.

27 B. THIS SECTION APPLIES TO AN ADMINISTRATOR PROVIDING THIRD-PARTY
28 ADMINISTRATION SERVICES OR A PROVIDER NETWORK FOR A VISION PLAN.

29 C. THIS SECTION DOES NOT RESTRICT THE ABILITY OF A HEALTH CARE
30 SERVICES ORGANIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR AN OPTOMETRIST TO
31 PARTICIPATE IN A DISCOUNT PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE HEALTH CARE SERVICES
32 ORGANIZATION FOR SERVICES THAT ARE NOT COVERED IF:

33 1. PARTICIPATION IN THE HEALTH CARE SERVICES ORGANIZATION NETWORK
34 IS NOT CONTINGENT ON PARTICIPATION IN THE SPONSORED DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

35 2. THE HEALTH CARE SERVICES ORGANIZATION OFFERS EQUAL TREATMENT TO
36 AN OPTOMETRIST WHO DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN A SPONSORED DISCOUNT PROGRAM,
37 REGARDING:

38 (a) PROMOTIONAL TREATMENT.

39 (b) MARKETING BENEFITS.

40 (c) MATERIALS.

41 (d) CONTRACT TERMS FOR PROVIDING A COVERED SERVICE.

42 D. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION C, PARAGRAPH 2, SUBDIVISION (d) OF
43 THIS SECTION, A HEALTH CARE SERVICES ORGANIZATION, WHEN PROVIDING A
44 TYPICALLY FORMATTED LIST OF OPTOMETRISTS IN THE HEALTH CARE SERVICES
45 ORGANIZATION NETWORK, MAY IDENTIFY WHETHER AN OPTOMETRIST PARTICIPATES IN

1 A DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR SERVICES NOT COVERED BY THE HEALTH CARE SERVICES
2 ORGANIZATION IF ALL LISTS STATE THAT OTHER DISCOUNTS MAY BE AVAILABLE WITH
3 INDIVIDUAL OPTOMETRISTS.

4 E. ALL CONTRACTS SHALL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION BY THE
5 FIRST RENEWAL PERIOD ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2022, BUT NOT LATER THAN
6 DECEMBER 31, 2022.

7 F. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "COVERED SERVICE" MEANS A
8 SERVICE FOR WHICH ANY REIMBURSEMENT IS AVAILABLE UNDER AN EVIDENCE OF
9 COVERAGE WITHOUT REGARD TO CONTRACTUAL LIMITATIONS BY A DEDUCTIBLE,
10 COPAYMENT, COINSURANCE, WAITING PERIOD, ANNUAL OR LIFETIME MAXIMUM,
11 FREQUENCY LIMITATION, ALTERNATIVE BENEFIT PAYMENT, EXCLUSION OR OTHER
12 LIMITATION.

13 Sec. 3. Title 20, chapter 6, article 4, Arizona Revised Statutes,
14 is amended by adding section 20-1342.07, to read:

15 20-1342.07. Contracts; optometrists; covered services;
16 definition

17 A. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION, A CONTRACT,
18 ENTERED INTO OR RENEWED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2022, BETWEEN A DISABILITY
19 INSURER AND AN OPTOMETRIST WHO IS LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN THIS STATE SHALL
20 NOT:

21 1. REQUIRE THE OPTOMETRIST TO PROVIDE A SERVICE TO AN INDIVIDUAL
22 COVERED UNDER A DISABILITY INSURANCE POLICY BASED ON A FEE SET BY THE
23 DISABILITY INSURER UNLESS THE SERVICE FOR WHICH THE FEE APPLIES IS A
24 COVERED SERVICE UNDER THE INDIVIDUAL'S DISABILITY INSURANCE POLICY.

25 2. PROHIBIT AN OPTOMETRIST FROM OFFERING OR PROVIDING A VISION
26 SERVICE THAT IS NOT A COVERED SERVICE TO A COVERED INDIVIDUAL AT A FEE
27 DETERMINED BY THE OPTOMETRIST OR BY THE OPTOMETRIST AND THE COVERED
28 INDIVIDUAL.

29 3. REQUIRE AN OPTOMETRIST TO USE ONE OR MORE SPECIFIC VENDORS TO
30 REPLENISH THE OPTOMETRIST'S INVENTORY OF SPECTACLE LENSES AFTER THE
31 OPTOMETRIST DISPENSES THE OPTOMETRIST'S INVENTORY TO ELIGIBLE MEMBERS OF
32 THE VISION PLAN AS A COVERED VISION SERVICE.

33 B. THIS SECTION APPLIES TO AN ADMINISTRATOR PROVIDING THIRD-PARTY
34 ADMINISTRATION SERVICES OR A PROVIDER NETWORK FOR A VISION PLAN.

35 C. THIS SECTION DOES NOT RESTRICT THE ABILITY OF A DISABILITY
36 INSURER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR AN OPTOMETRIST TO PARTICIPATE IN A
37 DISCOUNT PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE DISABILITY INSURER FOR SERVICES THAT ARE
38 NOT COVERED IF:

39 1. PARTICIPATION IN THE DISABILITY INSURER NETWORK IS NOT
40 CONTINGENT ON PARTICIPATION IN THE SPONSORED DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

41 2. THE DISABILITY INSURER OFFERS EQUAL TREATMENT TO AN OPTOMETRIST
42 WHO DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN A SPONSORED DISCOUNT PROGRAM, REGARDING:

43 (a) PROMOTIONAL TREATMENT.

44 (b) MARKETING BENEFITS.

45 (c) MATERIALS.

1 (d) CONTRACT TERMS FOR PROVIDING A COVERED SERVICE.

2 D. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION C, PARAGRAPH 2, SUBDIVISION (d) OF
3 THIS SECTION, A DISABILITY INSURER, WHEN PROVIDING A TYPICALLY FORMATTED
4 LIST OF OPTOMETRISTS IN THE DISABILITY INSURER NETWORK, MAY IDENTIFY
5 WHETHER AN OPTOMETRIST PARTICIPATES IN A DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR SERVICES NOT
6 COVERED BY THE DISABILITY INSURER, PROVIDED THAT ALL LISTS STATE THAT
7 OTHER DISCOUNTS MAY BE AVAILABLE WITH INDIVIDUAL OPTOMETRISTS.

8 E. ALL CONTRACTS SHALL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION BY THE
9 FIRST RENEWAL PERIOD ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2022, BUT NOT LATER THAN
10 DECEMBER 31, 2022.

11 F. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "COVERED SERVICE" MEANS A
12 SERVICE FOR WHICH ANY REIMBURSEMENT IS AVAILABLE UNDER A DISABILITY
13 INSURANCE POLICY WITHOUT REGARD TO CONTRACTUAL LIMITATIONS BY A
14 DEDUCTIBLE, COPAYMENT, COINSURANCE, WAITING PERIOD, ANNUAL OR LIFETIME
15 MAXIMUM, FREQUENCY LIMITATION, ALTERNATIVE BENEFIT PAYMENT, EXCLUSION OR
16 OTHER LIMITATION.

17 Sec. 4. Title 20, chapter 6, article 5, Arizona Revised Statutes,
18 is amended by adding sections 20-1402.05 and 20-1404.05, to read:

19 20-1402.05. Contracts: optometrists: covered services:
20 definition

21 A. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION, A CONTRACT,
22 ENTERED INTO OR RENEWED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2022, BETWEEN A GROUP
23 DISABILITY INSURER AND AN OPTOMETRIST WHO IS LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN THIS
24 STATE SHALL NOT:

25 1. REQUIRE THE OPTOMETRIST TO PROVIDE A SERVICE TO AN INDIVIDUAL
26 COVERED UNDER A GROUP DISABILITY INSURANCE POLICY BASED ON A FEE SET BY
27 THE GROUP DISABILITY INSURER UNLESS THE SERVICE FOR WHICH THE FEE APPLIES
28 IS A COVERED SERVICE UNDER THE INDIVIDUAL'S GROUP DISABILITY INSURANCE
29 POLICY.

30 2. PROHIBIT AN OPTOMETRIST FROM OFFERING OR PROVIDING A VISION
31 SERVICE THAT IS NOT A COVERED SERVICE TO A COVERED INDIVIDUAL AT A FEE
32 DETERMINED BY THE OPTOMETRIST OR BY THE OPTOMETRIST AND THE COVERED
33 INDIVIDUAL.

34 3. REQUIRE AN OPTOMETRIST TO USE ONE OR MORE SPECIFIC VENDORS TO
35 REPLENISH THE OPTOMETRIST'S INVENTORY OF SPECTACLE LENSES AFTER THE
36 OPTOMETRIST DISPENSES THE OPTOMETRIST'S INVENTORY TO ELIGIBLE MEMBERS OF
37 THE VISION PLAN AS A COVERED VISION SERVICE.

38 B. THIS SECTION APPLIES TO AN ADMINISTRATOR PROVIDING THIRD-PARTY
39 ADMINISTRATION SERVICES OR A PROVIDER NETWORK FOR A VISION PLAN.

40 C. THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE ABILITY OF A GROUP DISABILITY
41 INSURER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR AN OPTOMETRIST TO PARTICIPATE IN A
42 DISCOUNT PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE GROUP DISABILITY INSURER FOR SERVICES
43 THAT ARE NOT COVERED IF:

44 1. PARTICIPATION IN THE GROUP DISABILITY INSURER NETWORK IS NOT
45 CONTINGENT ON PARTICIPATION IN THE SPONSORED DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

2. THE GROUP DISABILITY INSURER OFFERS EQUAL TREATMENT TO AN OPTOMETRIST WHO DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN A GROUP DISABILITY INSURER SPONSORED DISCOUNT PROGRAM, REGARDING:

- (a) PROMOTIONAL TREATMENT.
- (b) MARKETING BENEFITS.
- (c) MATERIALS.
- (d) CONTRACT TERMS FOR PROVIDING A COVERED SERVICE.

D. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION C, PARAGRAPH 2, SUBDIVISION (d) OF THIS SECTION, A GROUP DISABILITY INSURER, WHEN PROVIDING A TYPICALLY FORMATTED LIST OF OPTOMETRISTS IN THE GROUP DISABILITY INSURER NETWORK, MAY IDENTIFY WHETHER AN OPTOMETRIST PARTICIPATES IN A DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR SERVICES NOT COVERED BY THE GROUP DISABILITY INSURER PROVIDED THAT ALL LISTS STATE THAT OTHER DISCOUNTS MAY BE AVAILABLE WITH INDIVIDUAL OPTOMETRISTS.

E. ALL CONTRACTS SHALL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION BY THE FIRST RENEWAL PERIOD ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2022, BUT NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2022.

F. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "COVERED SERVICE" MEANS A SERVICE FOR WHICH ANY REIMBURSEMENT IS AVAILABLE UNDER A GROUP DISABILITY INSURANCE POLICY WITHOUT REGARD TO CONTRACTUAL LIMITATIONS BY A DEDUCTIBLE, COPAYMENT, COINSURANCE, WAITING PERIOD, ANNUAL OR LIFETIME MAXIMUM, FREQUENCY LIMITATION, ALTERNATIVE BENEFIT PAYMENT, EXCLUSION OR OTHER LIMITATION.

20-1404.05. Contracts; optometrists; covered services;
definition

A. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION, A CONTRACT, ENTERED INTO OR RENEWED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2022, BETWEEN A BLANKET DISABILITY INSURER AND AN OPTOMETRIST WHO IS LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN THIS STATE SHALL NOT:

1. REQUIRE THE OPTOMETRIST TO PROVIDE A SERVICE TO AN INDIVIDUAL COVERED UNDER A BLANKET DISABILITY INSURANCE POLICY BASED ON A FEE SET BY THE BLANKET DISABILITY INSURER UNLESS THE SERVICE FOR WHICH THE FEE APPLIES IS A COVERED SERVICE UNDER THE INDIVIDUAL'S BLANKET DISABILITY INSURANCE POLICY.

2. PROHIBIT AN OPTOMETRIST FROM OFFERING OR PROVIDING A VISION SERVICE THAT IS NOT A COVERED SERVICE TO A COVERED INDIVIDUAL AT A FEE DETERMINED BY THE OPTOMETRIST OR BY THE OPTOMETRIST AND THE COVERED INDIVIDUAL.

3. REQUIRE AN OPTOMETRIST TO USE ONE OR MORE SPECIFIC VENDORS TO REPLENISH THE OPTOMETRIST'S INVENTORY OF SPECTACLE LENSES AFTER THE OPTOMETRIST DISPENSES THE OPTOMETRIST'S INVENTORY TO ELIGIBLE MEMBERS OF THE VISION PLAN AS A COVERED VISION SERVICE.

B. THIS SECTION APPLIES TO AN ADMINISTRATOR PROVIDING THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATION SERVICES OR A PROVIDER NETWORK FOR A VISION PLAN.

1 C. THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE ABILITY OF A BLANKET
2 DISABILITY INSURER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR AN OPTOMETRIST TO
3 PARTICIPATE IN A DISCOUNT PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE BLANKET DISABILITY
4 INSURER FOR SERVICES THAT ARE NOT COVERED IF:

5 1. PARTICIPATION IN THE BLANKET DISABILITY INSURER NETWORK IS NOT
6 CONTINGENT ON PARTICIPATION IN THE SPONSORED DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

7 2. THE BLANKET DISABILITY INSURER OFFERS EQUAL TREATMENT TO AN
8 OPTOMETRIST WHO DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN A BLANKET DISABILITY INSURER
9 SPONSORED DISCOUNT PROGRAM, REGARDING:

10 (a) PROMOTIONAL TREATMENT.

11 (b) MARKETING BENEFITS.

12 (c) MATERIALS.

13 (d) CONTRACT TERMS FOR PROVIDING A COVERED SERVICE.

14 D. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION C, PARAGRAPH 2, SUBDIVISION (d) OF
15 THIS SECTION, A BLANKET DISABILITY INSURER, WHEN PROVIDING A TYPICALLY
16 FORMATTED LIST OF OPTOMETRISTS IN THE BLANKET DISABILITY INSURER NETWORK,
17 MAY IDENTIFY WHETHER AN OPTOMETRIST PARTICIPATES IN A DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR
18 SERVICES NOT COVERED BY THE BLANKET DISABILITY INSURER PROVIDED THAT ALL
19 LISTS STATE THAT OTHER DISCOUNTS MAY BE AVAILABLE WITH INDIVIDUAL
20 OPTOMETRISTS.

21 E. ALL CONTRACTS SHALL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION BY THE
22 FIRST RENEWAL PERIOD ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2022, BUT NOT LATER THAN
23 DECEMBER 31, 2022.

24 F. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "COVERED SERVICE" MEANS A
25 SERVICE FOR WHICH ANY REIMBURSEMENT IS AVAILABLE UNDER A BLANKET
26 DISABILITY INSURANCE POLICY WITHOUT REGARD TO CONTRACTUAL LIMITATIONS BY A
27 DEDUCTIBLE, COPAYMENT, COINSURANCE, WAITING PERIOD, ANNUAL OR LIFETIME
28 MAXIMUM, FREQUENCY LIMITATION, ALTERNATIVE BENEFIT PAYMENT, EXCLUSION OR
29 OTHER LIMITATION.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MARCH 23, 2021.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MARCH 23, 2021.