

**One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB493**

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**Chairperson: Senator Rich Pahls**

**Committee: Banking, Commerce and Insurance**

**Date of Hearing: February 15, 2011**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

This bill would provide, in terms based on the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended, that a health carrier that makes available dependent coverage of children shall make that coverage available for children until the attainment of twenty-six years of age. These provisions are those of a model act developed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

The bill would also outright repeal section 44-7,103 which requires continuing coverage under a health benefit plan to age thirty.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Rich Pahls**