

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2011**

**SESSION LAW 2011-391
HOUSE BILL 22**

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS APPROPRIATIONS ACT.

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

SECTION 49. Session Law 2011-145 is amended by adding the following new section to read:

"DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

"SECTION 23.3. It is the intent of the General Assembly to establish and operate a State-based health benefits Exchange that meets the requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148, as amended by the federal Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Public Law 111-152, collectively referred to as the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The Department of Insurance (DOI) and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) may collaborate and plan in furtherance of the requirements of the ACA. DOI may contract with experts, using available funds or grants, necessary to facilitate preparation for an Information Technology system capable of performing requirements of the ACA.

The Commissioner of Insurance may also study the insurance-related provisions of the ACA and any other matters it deems necessary to successful compliance with the provisions of the ACA and related regulations. If the Commissioner of Insurance conducts such a study, the Commissioner shall submit a report to the 2012 Regular Session of the 2011 General Assembly containing recommendations resulting from the study."