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91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal section 208.631, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the extension of the termination date of the children's health program, with an emergency clause.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 208.631, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 208.631, to read as follows:

208.631. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department of social services shall establish a program to pay for health care for uninsured children. Coverage pursuant to sections 208.631 to 208.660 is subject to appropriation. The provisions of sections 208.631 to 208.657 shall be void and of no effect after July 1, [2002] **2007**.

2. For the purposes of sections 208.631 to 208.657, "children" are persons up to nineteen years of age. "Uninsured children" are persons up to nineteen years of age who have not had access to employer-subsidized health care insurance or other health care coverage for six months prior to application, are residents of the state of Missouri, and have parents or guardians who meet the requirements in section 208.636. A child who is eligible for medical assistance as authorized in section 208.151, is not uninsured for the purposes of sections 208.631 to 208.657.

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to ensure that the children of the state

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

2 of Missouri continue to receive medical insurance coverage section A of this act is deemed
3 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is
4 hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and section A of
5 this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.