

By Representative Frankel

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to displaced low-income
3 workers; authorizing the Department of Children
4 and Family Services to provide Medicaid
5 eligibility by rule to certain unemployed
6 persons; authorizing the state to provide a
7 COBRA insurance premium subsidy to certain
8 unemployed persons; providing for future
9 repeal; providing effective dates.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. (1) The Department of Children and Family
14 Services may provide by rule that persons who become or became
15 unemployed after September 11, 2001, who are not eligible for
16 insurance coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget
17 Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) shall be eligible for
18 Medicaid coverage.

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20 (2) This section is repealed effective December 31,
2002.

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22 (3) This section shall take effect on the effective
23 date of federal legislation authorizing the expansion of
24 Medicaid coverage to persons who become or became unemployed
25 after September 11, 2001, if such federal legislation provides
26 for enhanced federal Medicaid matching rates.

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28 Section 2. (1) For persons who become or became
29 unemployed after September 11, 2001, who are eligible for
30 insurance coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget
31 Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) but who are unable to
afford the premium, the state may subsidize up to 25 percent
of the premium.

1 (2) This section is repealed effective December 31,
2 2002.

3 (3) This section shall take effect on the effective
4 date of federal legislation authorizing a 75-percent premium
5 subsidy for persons eligible for COBRA insurance coverage who
6 become or became unemployed after September 11, 2001, if such
7 federal legislation provides for enhanced federal Medicaid
8 matching rates.

9 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
10 law.

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12 HOUSE SUMMARY

13 Effective on the effective date of federal enabling
14 legislation providing for enhanced federal Medicaid
15 matching rates, authorizes the Department of Children and
16 Family Services to provide Medicaid eligibility by rule
17 to persons who become or became unemployed after
18 September 11, 2001, and are ineligible for COBRA
19 insurance coverage. Effective on the effective date of
20 federal legislation providing a 75-percent premium
21 subsidy for persons eligible for COBRA coverage who
22 become or became unemployed after September 11, 2001, and
23 who are unable to afford the premium, authorizes a state
24 subsidy of up to 25 percent of the premium, if enhanced
25 federal Medicaid matching rates are provided. Provides
26 for future repeal.
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