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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to small employer health insurance;
3 creating s. 627.6565, F.S.; authorizing certain small
4 employers to contract with the Department of Management
5 Services to participate in the state group health
6 insurance program; providing requirements for employers
7 and employees relating to payroll deductions and
8 contributions; providing for an administrative fee;
9 requiring the department to maintain separate accounting
10 for such program participation; providing an effective
11 date.

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

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15 Section 1. Section 627.6565, Florida Statutes, is created
16 to read:

17 627.6565 Small employer health insurance; state group
18 health insurance program participation.--

19 (1) Any small employer as defined in s. 627.6699,
20 including the employer's eligible employees and dependents of
21 such employees as defined in s. 627.6699, may contract with the
22 Department of Management Services to participate in the state
23 group health insurance program under s. 110.123 and purchase
24 coverage under the state group health insurance plan. Each small
25 business employer who participates in the state group health
26 insurance program shall collect payroll deductions or other
27 remuneration from qualified employees as may be required for the
28 employee contribution in accordance with the department's
29 regulations. The employer shall make the required contributions
30 that will be applied toward the cost of the monthly premiums and



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31 shall pay an annual administrative fee of not less than \$5 per
32 enrollee per month, which fee shall be determined by the
33 department. Each individual employer shall determine the
34 proportionate contribution of the monthly premium for the
35 participants in the employer's business.

36 (2) The department shall maintain a separate accounting
37 for all records of those small employers electing coverage under
38 this section, including all statistical information necessary to
39 make actuarial assumptions for the group.

40 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.