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A bill to be entitled  
 An act relating to small employer health insurance;  
 creating s. 627.6565, F.S.; authorizing certain small  
 employers to contract with the Department of Management  
 Services to participate in the state group health  
 insurance program; providing requirements for employers  
 and employees relating to payroll deductions and  
 contributions; providing for an administrative fee;  
 requiring the department to maintain separate accounting  
 for such program participation; providing an effective  
 date.

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

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

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

(1) Any small employer as defined in s. 627.6699,  
 including the employer's eligible employees and dependents of  
 such employees as defined in s. 627.6699, may contract with the  
 Department of Management Services to participate in the state  
 group health insurance program under s. 110.123 and purchase  
 coverage under the state group health insurance plan. Each small  
 business employer who participates in the state group health  
 insurance program shall collect payroll deductions or other  
 remuneration from qualified employees as may be required for the  
 employee contribution in accordance with the department's  
 regulations. The employer shall make the required contributions

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30 that will be applied toward the cost of the monthly premiums and  
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, 2004.