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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to nursing home employer health insurance;
 3 authorizing nursing home employers to contract with the
 4 Department of Management Services to purchase coverage in
 5 the state group health insurance plan for certain persons;
 6 providing participation requirements; requiring the
 7 department to maintain certain records; providing an
 8 effective date.

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

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 12 Section 1. Nursing home employer health insurance; state
 13 group health insurance plan.--

14 (1) A nursing home employer which participates in the
 15 Medicaid program may contract with the Department of Management
 16 Services to purchase coverage in the state group health
 17 insurance plan for the employer and the employer's eligible
 18 employees and dependants of such employees. Each nursing home
 19 employer who participates in the state group health insurance
 20 plan shall collect the employee contribution, in the form of a
 21 payroll deduction or other remuneration, from each qualified
 22 employee as required by the department by rule. The employer
 23 shall also make the required contributions that will be applied
 24 toward the cost of the monthly premiums and shall pay an annual
 25 administrative fee of not less than \$5 per enrollee per month,
 26 as determined by the department. The employee's proportionate
 27 contribution to the monthly premium shall not be in excess of
 28 that charged to state employees enrolled in the state group
 29 health insurance plan.

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30 (2) The Department of Management Services shall maintain a
31 separate accounting for all records of nursing home employers
32 who elect coverage under this section, including all statistical
33 information necessary for making actuarial assumptions for the
34 group.

35 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.