

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               employer who participates in the state group health insurance  
 26               program shall collect payroll deductions or other remuneration  
 27               from qualified employees as may be required for the employee  
 28               contribution in accordance with the department's regulations.

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29 The employer shall make the required contributions that will be  
30 applied toward the cost of the monthly premiums and shall pay an  
31 annual administrative fee of not less than \$5 per enrollee per  
32 month. The fee shall be determined by the department. Each  
33 individual employer shall determine the proportionate  
34 contribution of the monthly premium for the employees in the  
35 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, 2005.