

Bill No. SB 1660

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The Committee on Banking and Insurance (Baker) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 627.6699, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.6699 Employee Health Care Access Act.--

(4) APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE.--

(a)1. This section applies to a health benefit plan that provides coverage to employees of a small employer in this state, unless the coverage policy is marketed directly to the individual employee, and the employer does not contribute directly or indirectly to participate in the collection or distribution of premiums or facilitate the administration of the coverage policy in any manner. For the purposes of this subparagraph, an employer shall not be deemed to be contributing to the premiums or facilitating the administration of coverage if the employer does not contribute

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1 towards the premium and merely collects the premiums for such
 2 coverage from an employee's wages or salary through payroll
 3 deduction and submits payment for the premiums of one or more
 4 employees in a lump sum to a carrier.

5 2. A carrier authorized to issue group or individual
 6 health benefit plans under chapter 627 or chapter 641 may
 7 offer coverage as described in this subparagraph to individual
 8 employees without being subject to this section if the
 9 employer has not had a group health benefit plan in place in
 10 the prior 6 months. A carrier authorized to issue group or
 11 individual health benefit plans under chapter 627 or chapter
 12 641 may offer coverage as described in this subparagraph to
 13 employees that are not eligible employees as defined in this
 14 section, whether or not the small employer has a group health
 15 benefit plan in place. A carrier that offers coverage as
 16 described in this subparagraph must provide a cancellation
 17 notice to the primary insured at least 10 days prior to
 18 canceling the coverage for nonpayment of premium.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.
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23 And the title is amended as follows:

24 Delete everything before the enacting clause
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26 and insert:

27 A bill to be entitled
 28 An act relating to the Employee Health Care
 29 Access Act; amending s. 627.6699, F.S. ;
 30 revising application of the act; providing
 31 construction; authorizing carriers to offer

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1 coverage to certain employees without being
2 subject to the act under certain circumstances;
3 providing requirements; providing an effective
4 date.

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