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The Committee on Banking and Insurance (Fasano) 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  
paragraph, an employer is not deemed to be contributing to the  
premiums or facilitating the administration of coverage if the  
employer does not contribute to the premium and merely

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

5 2. A carrier authorized to issue group or individual  
6 health benefit plans under this chapter or chapter 641 may  
7 offer coverage as described in this paragraph 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 12 months. A carrier authorized to issue group or  
11 individual health benefit plans under this chapter or chapter  
12 641 may offer coverage as described in this paragraph 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 paragraph must provide a cancellation notice  
17 to the primary insured at least 10 days prior to canceling the  
18 coverage for nonpayment of premium.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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22 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

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 employee health care access;  
29 amending s. 627.6699, F.S.; revising standards  
30 for determining applicability of the Employee  
31 Health Care Access Act; prescribing acts that

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1           may be performed by an employer without being  
2           considered contributing to premiums or  
3           facilitating administration of a policy;  
4           authorizing certain carriers to offer coverage  
5           to certain employees without being subject to  
6           the act under certain circumstances; requiring  
7           a carrier who offers such coverage to provide  
8           notice to the primary insured prior to  
9           cancellation for nonpayment of premium;  
10          providing an effective date.

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