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Senator Fasano moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 6, lines 21 and 22, delete those lines

and insert:

Section 4. Effective July 1, 2005, 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.

2. For the purposes of subparagraph 1., an employer shall not be deemed to be contributing to the premiums or facilitating the administration of coverage if the employer

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1 does not contribute toward the premium and merely collects the
2 premiums for such coverage from an employee's wages or salary
3 through a payroll deduction and submits payment for the
4 premiums of one or more employees in a lump sum to a carrier.
5 A carrier may offer coverage as described in this subparagraph
6 to individual employees without being subject to this section
7 if the employer has not had a group health benefit plan in
8 place in the prior 12 months. An employer that offers a group
9 health benefit plan may facilitate the purchase of coverage as
10 described in this subparagraph by employees that are
11 ineligible for the group health benefit plan if the employer
12 has not changed its eligibility requirements in the prior 3
13 months.

14 Section 5. Except as otherwise expressly provided in
15 this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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

19 And the title is amended as follows:

20 On page 1, line 2, delete that line

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22 and insert:

23 An act relating to health care; amending s.
24 627.6699, F.S.; revising standards for
25 determining applicability of the Employee
26 Health Care Access Act; prescribing acts that
27 may be performed by an employer without being
28 considered contributing to premiums or
29 facilitating administration of a policy;
30 creating a

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