

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

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Senate

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1 Representative(s) Benson offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 116 and 117, insert:

5 Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section  
6 627.6699, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7 627.6699 Employee Health Care Access Act.--

8 (4) APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE.--

9 (a)1. This section applies to a health benefit plan that  
10 provides coverage to employees of a small employer in this  
11 state, unless the coverage is marketed directly to the  
12 individual employee, and the employer does not contribute  
13 directly or indirectly to the premiums or facilitate the  
14 administration of the coverage in any manner. For the purposes  
15 of this subparagraph, an employer is not deemed to be  
16 contributing to the premiums or facilitating the administration  
17 of coverage if the employer:

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- 18        a. Does not contribute to the premium and merely collects
- 19        the premiums for coverage from an employee's wages or salary
- 20        through payroll deduction and submits payment for the premiums
- 21        of one or more employees in a lump sum to a carrier; or
- 22        b. Directly or indirectly establishes or administers a
- 23        health reimbursement account plan for its employees.

24        2. A carrier authorized to issue group or individual

25        health benefit plans under this chapter or chapter 641 may offer

26        coverage as described in this paragraph to individual employees

27        without being subject to this section if the employer has not

28        had a group health benefit plan in place in the prior 6 months.

29        A carrier authorized to issue group or individual health benefit

30        plans under this chapter or chapter 641 may offer coverage as

31        described in this subparagraph to employees that are not

32        eligible employees as defined in this section, whether or not

33        the small employer has a group health benefit plan in place. A

34        carrier that offers coverage as described in this subparagraph

35        must provide a cancellation notice to the primary insured at

36        least 10 days prior to canceling the coverage for nonpayment of

37        premium.

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

40        Remove line 15 and insert:

41        under group health insurance policies; amending s. 627.6699,

42        F.S.; revising a provision relating to applicability and scope

43        of the Employee Health Care Access Act; amending s. 641.31,