

1 s. 627.6699, Florida Statutes. The employer shall pay at least
2 50 percent but less than 100 percent of the cost of the
3 coverage, and the employees must share in the remainder of the
4 cost of the coverage.

5 (3)(a) The amount of the rebate shall be \$1,000 per
6 each employee as reported on the business's Florida
7 unemployment compensation tax form 6.

8 (b) A small business must apply through the Agency for
9 Health Care Administration.

10 (c) A business is eligible for the rebate under this
11 section if, at the time of applying for a rebate under the
12 pilot program, the business had provided and paid for such
13 coverage for 12 consecutive months but had not provided and
14 paid for such coverage for at least 6 months prior to the
15 12-month period. The business may receive the rebate only one
16 time.

17 (d) The agency shall only provide rebates to eligible
18 businesses if a specific appropriation is made in the General
19 Appropriations Act for the purpose of providing rebates under
20 the pilot program.

21 (4) The pilot program shall be administered by the
22 Agency for Health Care Administration. The agency shall adopt
23 any rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54, Florida
24 Statutes, necessary to administer and ensure accountability of
25 the pilot program and enforce compliance with the requirements
26 of the program. The agency may conduct audits of any business
27 applying for rebates under the program to ensure compliance
28 with program requirements.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.
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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides legislative intent. Establishes a pilot program to provide rebates to small businesses providing comprehensive major medical health insurance coverage for employees. Requires employer and employee participation in certain costs. Specifies the amount of the rebate. Provides for additional eligibility for certain businesses. Provides for authorization to provide rebates under the program only pursuant to specific appropriation. Provides for administration of the program by the Agency for Health Care Administration. Requires the agency to adopt rules. Provides enforcement and audit authority for the agency.