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1 Senator Peaden moved the following **amendment**:

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3 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between line(s) 343-344,
5 insert:

6 Section 5. Effective upon this act becoming a law and
7 applicable to policies issued or renewed on after that date,
8 paragraph (v) of subsection (3) of section 627.6699, Florida
9 Statutes, is amended to read:

10 627.6699 Employee Health Care Access Act.--

11 (3) DEFINITIONS.--As used in this section, the term:

12 (v) "Small employer" means, in connection with a health
13 benefit plan with respect to a calendar year and a plan year, any
14 person, sole proprietor, self-employed individual, independent
15 contractor, firm, corporation, partnership, or association that
16 is actively engaged in business, has its principal place of
17 business in this state, employed an average of at least 1 but not



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18 | more than 50 eligible employees on business days during the
19 | preceding calendar year, the majority of whom were employed
20 | within this state, and employs at least 1 employee on the first
21 | day of the plan year, and is not formed primarily for the purpose
22 | of purchasing health insurance. In determining the number of
23 | eligible employees, companies that are affiliated companies or
24 | that are eligible to file a combined tax return for the purposes
25 | of taxation by this state shall be considered one employer. For
26 | purposes of this section, a sole proprietor, an independent
27 | contractor, or a self-employed individual is considered a small
28 | employer only if all of the conditions and criteria established
29 | in this section are met.

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31 | ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

32 | And the title is amended as follows:

33 | On line(s) 54, after the semicolon,
34 | insert:

35 | amending s. 627.6699, F.S.; redefining the term "small
36 | employer" in the Employee Health Care Access Act;