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1 Senator Fasano moved the following amendment:

3 Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

4 Between line(s) 30 and 31,

5 insert:

6 Section 2. Section 624.1265, Florida Statutes, is created
7 to read:

8 624.1265 Nonprofit religious organization exemption;
9 authority; notice.--

10 (1) Any nonprofit religious organization that qualifies
11 under Title 26, s. 501 of the Internal Revenue Code; that limits
12 its participants to members of the same religion; that acts as an
13 organizational clearinghouse for information between participants
14 who have financial, physical, or medical needs and participants
15 having the ability to pay for the benefit of those participants
16 who have financial, physical, or medical needs; that provides for
17 the financial or medical needs of a participant through payments



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18 directly from one participant to another participant; and that
19 suggests amounts that participants may voluntarily give with no
20 assumption of risk or promise to pay among the participants or
21 between the participants and the religious organization is not
22 subject to any requirements of the Florida Insurance Code.

23 (2) This section does not prevent the religious
24 organization described in subsection (1) from establishing
25 qualifications of participation relating to the health of a
26 prospective participant, prevent a participant from limiting the
27 financial or medical needs that may be eligible for payment, or
28 prevent the organization from canceling the membership of a
29 participant if such participant indicates his or her
30 unwillingness to participate by failing to make a payment to
31 another participant within 60 days.

32 (3) The religious organization described in subsection (1)
33 shall provide each prospective participant in the organizational
34 clearinghouse written notice that the organization is not an
35 insurance company, that membership is not offered through an
36 insurance company, and that the organization is not subject to
37 the regulatory requirements or consumer protections of the
38 Florida Insurance Code.

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41 And the title is amended as follows:

42 Delete line(s) 2-5

43 and insert:

44 An act relating to health insurance; amending s. 408.909,
45 F.S.; revising eligibility for enrollment in a health flex
46 plan; extending the expiration date of the health flex
47 plan program; creating s. 624.1265, F.S.; exempting



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48 | certain nonprofit religious organizations from
49 | requirements of the Florida Insurance Code; preserving
50 | certain authority of such organizations; requiring such
51 | organizations to provide certain notice to prospective
52 | participants; providing an effective date.