

By Senator Hooper

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to membership organization health
3 coverage; creating s. 624.4032, F.S.; providing a
4 short title; providing a purpose; defining the terms
5 “farm bureau” and “not-for-profit membership
6 organization”; providing that health coverage provided
7 by certain entities is not insurance; authorizing
8 risks under such coverage to be reinsured; requiring
9 entities providing such coverage to annually file a
10 certain statement; providing an effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14 Section 1. Section 624.4032, Florida Statutes, is created
15 to read:

16 624.4032 Farm bureau and not-for-profit membership health
17 coverage.—

18 (1) This act may be cited as the “Farm Bureau and Not-For-
19 Profit Membership Health Coverage Act of 2021.”

20 (2) The purpose of this act is to allow not-for-profit
21 membership organizations to offer new health coverage options to
22 their members.

23 (3) For purposes of this section, the term:

24 (a) “Farm bureau” means a not-for-profit agricultural
25 membership organization incorporated in this state, or an
26 affiliate, designated as the state’s farm bureau.

27 (b) “Not-for-profit membership organization” means a
28 professional or trade association or any entity with dues-paying
29 members which is exempt from federal income tax under section

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30 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and exists to serve its
31 members beyond only offering health coverage.

32 (4) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the health
33 coverage provided by a farm bureau, a not-for-profit membership
34 organization, or an agricultural cooperative association created
35 under chapter 618 or chapter 619 is not insurance for purposes
36 of the Florida Insurance Code.

37 (5) The risk under health coverage provided pursuant to
38 this section may be reinsured by a company authorized to
39 transact reinsurance in this state.

40 (6) A farm bureau, a not-for-profit membership
41 organization, or an agricultural cooperative association
42 providing health coverage pursuant to this section shall
43 annually file with the office a signed, certified actuarial
44 statement of plan reserves.

45 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2023.