

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to nonprofit agricultural organization  
 3           health coverage; providing a short title; retitling  
 4           ch. 632, F.S.; designating part I of ch. 632, F.S.;  
 5           creating part II of ch. 632, F.S., entitled "Nonprofit  
 6           Agricultural Organizations"; providing purpose;  
 7           defining the term "nonprofit agricultural  
 8           organization"; providing that the health coverage  
 9           provided by nonprofit agricultural organizations is  
 10          not insurance for purposes of the Florida Insurance  
 11          Code; providing an effective date.

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

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 15           Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Nonprofit  
 16 Agricultural Organization Health Coverage Act of 2024."

17           Section 2. Chapter 632, Florida Statutes, entitled  
 18 "Fraternal Benefit Societies," is retitled "Fraternal Benefit  
 19 Societies and Nonprofit Agricultural Organizations."

20           Section 3. Sections 632.601 through 632.638, Florida  
 21 Statutes, are designated as part I of chapter 632, Florida  
 22 Statutes" and entitled "Fraternal Benefit Societies."

23           Section 4. Part II of chapter 632, Florida Statutes,  
 24 consisting of section 632.701, Florida Statutes, is created to  
 25 read:

PART II

NONPROFIT AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

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28 624.4032 Nonprofit agricultural organization health  
29 coverage.—

30 (1) The purpose of this section is to allow nonprofit  
31 agriculture organizations to offer health coverage options to  
32 their members.

33 (2) As used in this section, the term "nonprofit  
34 agricultural organization" means an organization that:

35 (a) Is domiciled in this state.

36 (b) Is exempt from federal income tax under s. 501(c) of  
37 the Internal Revenue Code.

38 (c) Was created primarily to promote programs for the  
39 development of rural communities and the economic stability and  
40 sustainability of farmers in this state.

41 (d) Exists to serve its members beyond only offering  
42 health coverage.

43 (e) Collects annual dues from its members.

44 (f) Was in existence before 1945.

45 (g) Is composed of members who are residents of the  
46 majority of counties in this state.

47 (3) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the health  
48 coverage provided by a nonprofit agricultural organization is  
49 not insurance for purposes of the Florida Insurance Code.

50 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.