

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RCS 03/12/2025 House

The Committee on Banking and Insurance (DiCeglie) recommended the following:

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Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

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

<u>624.4032</u> Nonprofit agricultural organization medical benefit plans.-

(1) The purpose of this section is to authorize nonprofit agricultural organizations to offer medical benefit plans to

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11	their members.
12	(2) For purposes of this section, the term "nonprofit
13	agricultural organization" means an organization that meets all
14	of the following criteria:
15	(a) Is domiciled in this state.
16	(b) Is exempt from federal income tax under s. 501(c)(3) of
17	the Internal Revenue Code.
18	(c) Was created primarily to promote programs for the
19	development of rural communities and the economic stability and
20	sustainability of farmers in this state.
21	(d) Exists to serve its members beyond only offering
22	medical expense plans.
23	(e) Collects annual dues from its members.
24	(f) Was in existence before 1945.
25	(g) Is composed of members who, collectively, are residents
26	of the majority of counties in this state.
27	(3) A nonprofit agricultural organization:
28	(a) May offer medical benefit plans to its members. Such
29	plans are not insurance for purposes of the Florida Insurance
30	Code.
31	(b) Shall provide a written disclaimer on or accompanying
32	all applications and marketing materials for a medical benefit
33	plan, regardless of whether such applications and marketing
34	materials are distributed by or on behalf of the nonprofit
35	agricultural organization. The disclaimer must be in contrasting
36	color and at least 12-point type. The disclaimer must read in
37	substantially the following form:
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39	Notice: This medical benefit plan is not a health

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40	insurance policy or health maintenance organization
41	contract and is not subject to the regulatory
42	requirements and consumer protections that apply to
43	health insurance policies or health maintenance
44	organization contracts under the Florida Insurance
45	Code. The nonprofit agricultural organization offering
46	this medical benefit plan is not an authorized insurer
47	or authorized health maintenance organization in
48	Florida and the nonprofit agricultural organization is
49	not subject to the regulatory requirements or consumer
50	protections of the Florida Insurance Code.
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52	(c) May not market or sell medical benefit plans through
53	agents licensed by the department.
54	(d) Must conduct an annual financial audit that is
55	performed by an independent certified public accountant in
56	accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and
57	make it publicly available either by providing a copy upon
58	request or posting it on the nonprofit agricultural
59	organization's website.
60	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.
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62	========== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =================================
63	And the title is amended as follows:
64	Delete everything before the enacting clause
65	and insert:
66	A bill to be entitled
67	An act relating to nonprofit agricultural organization
68	medical benefit plans; creating s. 624.4032, F.S.;
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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69 providing legislative purpose; defining the term 70 "nonprofit agricultural organization"; authorizing 71 nonprofit agricultural organizations to provide 72 medical benefit plans; specifying that such plans are 73 not insurance for purposes of the Florida Insurance 74 Code; requiring a specified disclosure; providing 75 requirements for the disclosure; prohibiting the 76 nonprofit agricultural organization from marketing or 77 selling a medical benefit plan through specified 78 agents; requiring the nonprofit agricultural 79 organization to conduct an annual financial audit and 80 make such audit publicly available; providing an 81 effective date.