
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6670

State of Washington 61st Legislature 2010 Regular Session

By Senate Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senator Parlette)

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1 AN ACT Relating to group medical insurance for nontraditional
2 groups; adding a new section to chapter 48.21 RCW; and creating new
3 sections.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to allow
6 the office of insurance commissioner to recognize nontraditional groups
7 and allow these groups to purchase group medical insurance. Current
8 group purchases are limited to such groups as employers, trade
9 associations, and labor unions. The legislature recognizes that
10 additional groups of individuals, such as church congregants or bank
11 depositors, may benefit from the opportunity to purchase insurance
12 together and it is the desire of the legislature that opportunities to
13 purchase insurance be expanded.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 48.21 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) Group medical insurance offered to a resident of this state
17 under a group medical insurance policy may be issued to a group other
18 than one described in RCW 48.24.020, 48.24.035, 48.24.040, 48.24.045,

1 48.24.050, 48.24.060, 48.24.070, 48.24.080, 48.24.090, or 48.24.095
2 subject to the requirements in this subsection. No group medical
3 insurance policy may be delivered under this section in this state
4 unless the commissioner finds that:

5 (a) The issuance of the group policy is not contrary to the best
6 interest of the public;

7 (b) The issuance of the group policy would result in economies of
8 acquisition or administration; and

9 (c) The benefits are reasonable in relation to the premiums
10 charged.

11 (2) No group medical insurance coverage may be offered under this
12 section in this state by an insurer under a policy issued in another
13 state unless the commissioner or the insurance commissioner of another
14 state having requirements substantially similar to those contained in
15 subsection (1)(a) through (c) of this section has made a determination
16 that the requirements have been met.

17 (3) The premium for the policy must be paid from funds from the
18 policyholder, the covered persons, or both the policyholder and the
19 covered persons.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The commissioner may adopt rules to
21 implement this act.

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