
SENATE BILL 6233

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1 AN ACT Relating to assisting self-employed small business owners
2 adversely impacted by health insurance premium changes; adding a new
3 section to chapter 82.04 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an
4 expiration date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The federal affordable care act created
7 numerous changes to health insurance products. Some small groups that
8 purchased health insurance in 2013 have been adversely impacted by the
9 increase in the premiums for the new insurance plans that meet all the
10 requirements of the federal affordable care act. It is the intent of
11 the legislature to provide some assistance to those self-employed small
12 business owners, often known as groups of one, that have been adversely
13 impacted by the premium increases with a transitional business and
14 occupations tax credit.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 82.04 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 (1) In computing the tax under this section, a credit is allowed

1 for a qualifying purchase of small group health insurance by a self-
2 employed business owner.

3 (2) The credit may only be taken for qualifying purchases of small
4 group health insurance made between January 1, 2014, and December 31,
5 2014.

6 (3) Prior to claiming the credit the department must approve of the
7 qualifying purchase of health insurance, and the department may
8 coordinate with the office of the insurance commissioner for
9 verification of the premium rates and available products, and may write
10 rules to administer this program.

11 (4) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
12 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

13 (a) "Qualifying purchase of small group health insurance" means a
14 new insurance plan that was purchased by a self-employed business owner
15 as a result of the federal affordable care act that was twenty-five
16 percent over the previous health insurance premiums paid by the
17 business owner and that no other health insurance policies were
18 available with a less than twenty-five percent increase. The
19 qualifying purchase credit amount is the amount of the difference
20 between the previous health insurance premium payments and the new
21 health insurance premium payments.

22 (b) "Self-employed business owner" means a self-employed individual
23 or sole proprietor as defined in RCW 48.43.005.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act expires July 1, 2015.

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