

HOUSE AMENDMENT 1 TO hb1525.

inserting at the end of line 7 on page 1 the language ", Joe Hudson, Jeffress, and Shepherd";

AND

by deleting lines 31 through 36 of page 1 and lines 1 through 11 of page 2 and substituting the following:

"As used in this act:

(1) "Health insurance policy" means any individual, blanket, or group policy, plan, or contract for health care services issued or delivered in this state, including indemnity and managed care plans, and including governmental plans as defined in 29 U.S.C. 1002(32), but excluding plans providing health care services pursuant to Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, Section 32, as amended, the Workers Compensation Law, A.C.A. §§ 11-9-101, et seq., and the Public Employees Workers Compensation Act, A.C.A. §§ 21-5-601, et seq.;

(2) "Health care insurer" means any insurance company, hospital and medical services corporation, or health maintenance organization issuing or delivering health insurance policies in this state and subject to any the following laws:

(A) the Arkansas Insurance Code, A.C.A. § 23-60-101, et seq.;

(B) A.C.A. § 23-75-101, et seq. pertaining to hospital and medical service corporations;

(C) A.C.A. § 23-76-101, et seq. pertaining to health maintenance organizations; and

(D) any successor law of the foregoing."

AND

by inserting at the end of line 22 of page 3 the following language:

"A renewed, extended, or modified health insurance policy shall include all health insurance policies in which the health care insurer has reserved the right to change the premium.";

AND

by inserting on line 28 of page 3 a new subsection to read as follows:

"(c) No shifting of liability. Nothing in this act shall prohibit a health care insurer from contracting with other persons or entities where permitted by law; however, legal liability for complying with the provisions of this act shall not be waived,

modified, or shifted to another person or entity by agreement or contract. Any such efforts to waive, modify, or shift liability shall be deemed void."