

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill No. 1622**

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE PROTECTION TO EMPLOYEES WHOSE HEALTH COVERAGE  
OR HEALTH PLAN IS CANCELLED DUE TO NONPAYMENT OF PREMIUM BY AN  
EMPLOYER."

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**Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1622.**

Amend House Bill No. 1622 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 10 through 15 and substitute the following:  
"HEALTH COVERAGE OR HEALTH PLAN IS NONRENREWED OR DISCONTINUED DUE TO  
NONPAYMENT OF PREMIUM BY AN EMPLOYER, BY REQUIRING THAT EMPLOYEES RECEIVE  
WRITTEN NOTICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Page 1, delete Section 1 in its entirety, and substitute the following:  
"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-86-311(b), concerning exceptions to the  
guaranteed renewability of coverage for employers in a group market, is  
amended to add a new subdivision to read as follows:

(7)(A) If a health insurance issuer nonrenews or discontinues group  
health insurance coverage under subdivision (b)(1) of this section, the  
health insurance issuer shall provide written notice to the individual  
employees insured under the group health plan so that the employees will have  
no fewer than fourteen (14) days to acquire alternative health coverage  
without loss of creditable coverage due to a break in coverage, as provided  
under § 23-86-304(d)(4).

(B) The commissioner shall determine by rule or regulation the  
form, content and timing of the notice under subdivision (7)(A) of this  
section."



The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

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