

Hall of the House of Representatives
84th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2003
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2279

"TO EXTEND POOL ELIGIBILITY TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR
CERTAIN FEDERAL TAX CREDITS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE; TO MAKE
THE POOL ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL FUNDS TO OFFSET LOSSES TO THE POOL."

Amendment No. 2 to House Bill No. 2279.

Amend House Bill No. 2279 as engrossed, H3/31/03:

Page 7, delete lines 5 and 6 and substitute the following:

“(i) For a period of at least ~~thirty (30)~~ ninety
(90) days and continues to be domiciled in Arkansas; ~~and or~~”

AND

Page 8, line 24, delete the “under” and substitute “under either or both”

AND

Page 8, line 33, delete “under” and substitute “under either or both”

AND

Page 13, delete line 2 and substitute the following:

“health care facility, or health care provider, except as premiums paid on
behalf of Trade Adjustment Assistance Eligible Persons or Qualified Trade
Adjustment Assistance Eligible Persons in accordance with section 35 of the
Internal Revenue Code, or on behalf of an otherwise”

AND

Page 17, delete lines 9 through 12 and substitute the following:

“SECTION 6. The Senate and House Interim Committees on Insurance and
Commerce shall conduct a study of the Arkansas Comprehensive Health Insurance
Pool for the purpose of determining alternative permanent funding sources for
the deficits incurred by the Arkansas Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool in
the future.”

SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the



General Assembly that Arkansas residents who qualify for a federal tax credit for health insurance coverage because of loss of their jobs or other reasons should have access to coverage so that they can use the credit for themselves and qualifying members of their families; that making the residents eligible for enrollment in the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool will allow them to obtain coverage and make use of their tax credits should other coverage not be available to them; and that the federal tax credits are now available. It is further found that the Arkansas Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool sustains significant operating losses because the limited premiums it can charge cannot cover the medical costs of the population it insures; that the Trade Adjustment Assistance Act of 2002 provides grant funds for some of the losses sustained by qualifying state health insurance pools during federal fiscal years 2003 and 2004; and that necessary revisions to the Arkansas Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool Act should be made immediately so that the Pool can qualify for these grants. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto."

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Napper
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Chief Clerk