

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

Act 859 of 2003
HOUSE BILL 1622

5 By: Representative Napper
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE PROTECTION TO EMPLOYEES WHOSE
10 HEALTH COVERAGE OR HEALTH PLAN IS NONRENEWED OR
11 DISCONTINUED DUE TO NONPAYMENT OF PREMIUM BY AN
12 EMPLOYER, BY REQUIRING THAT EMPLOYEES RECEIVE
13 WRITTEN NOTICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO PROVIDE PROTECTION TO
16 EMPLOYEES WHOSE HEALTH COVERAGE OR
17 HEALTH PLAN IS CANCELLED DUE TO
18 NONPAYMENT OF PREMIUM BY AN EMPLOYER.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-86-311(b), concerning exceptions to the
25 guaranteed renewability of coverage for employers in a group market, is
26 amended to add a new subdivision to read as follows:

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

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



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/s/ Napper

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