

ARKANSAS SENATE
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 1138

"TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS INSURANCE CODE."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 1138.

Amend Senate Bill No. 1138 as originally introduced:

Delete Section 1 in its entirety and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-86-502(3), concerning the definition of an eligible employer under the Small Employer Health Insurance Purchasing Group Act of 2001, is amended to read as follows:

(3) "Eligible employer" means an employer employing no more than ~~one hundred (100)~~ one hundred ninety-nine (199) eligible employees;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-86-502(4), concerning the definition of an employer under the Small Employer Health Insurance Purchasing Group Act of 2001, is amended to read as follows:

(4)(A) "Employer", "employee", and "dependent", unless otherwise defined in this section, shall have the meanings applied to the terms with respect to the coverage under the laws of the state relating to the coverage and the issuer~~s~~.

(B) "Employer" includes a self-employed individual;

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 23-86-504(a), concerning the health benefit plans of health insurance purchasing groups, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) In conjunction with a health insurance purchasing group health carrier, each health insurance purchasing group shall make available a health benefits plan in the manner described in this section to all eligible employers and eligible employees at rates, including employer's and employees' share, on a policy specific or product specific basis that may vary only as permitted under law that offers health benefit plans to small employers as defined by § 23-86-303 shall guarantee the availability of coverage to small employers as required by § 23-86-312(a).

(2) All health benefit plans provided through a health insurance purchasing group shall be offered at rates, including employer's and employees' share, on a policy-specific or product-specific basis that may vary only as permitted under law."



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

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