

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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As Engrossed: S4/1/05
A Bill

SENATE BILL 1138

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5 By: Senator B. Johnson
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE
10 ARKANSAS INSURANCE CODE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE
14 ARKANSAS INSURANCE CODE.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-86-502(3), concerning the definition of*
20 *an eligible employer under the Small Employer Health Insurance Purchasing*
21 *Group Act of 2001, is amended to read as follows:*

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

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25 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-86-502(4), concerning the definition of*
26 *an employer under the Small Employer Health Insurance Purchasing Group Act of*
27 *2001, is amended to read as follows:*

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

32 *(B) "Employer" includes a self-employed individual;*
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34 *SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 23-86-504(a), concerning the health benefit*
35 *plans of health insurance purchasing groups, is amended to read as follows:*

36 (a)(1) *In conjunction with a health insurance purchasing group health*



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

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

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13 /s/ B. Johnson
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