

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

SENATE BILL 1138

5 By: Senator B. Johnson
6 By: Representative D. Evans
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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

23 *(3) "Eligible employer" means an employer employing no more than*
24 *~~one hundred (100)~~ one hundred ninety-nine (199) eligible employees;*
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26 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-86-502(4), concerning the definition of*
27 *an employer under the Small Employer Health Insurance Purchasing Group Act of*
28 *2001, is amended to read as follows:*

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

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



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

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

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14 /s/ B. Johnson
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