
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INSURANCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 431:2-201.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
2 is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) The following definitions shall be used when applying
4 Title 42 United States Code section 300gg, et seq.:

5 "Employee" means ~~[an employee who works on a full-time~~
6 ~~basis with a normal workweek of twenty hours or more.]~~ any
7 individual employed by an employer, whether the individual works
8 full-time or part-time, or a self-employed individual.

9 "Group health issuer" means all persons offering health
10 insurance coverage to any group or association, but shall not
11 include those persons offering benefits exempted from Title I of
12 the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996,
13 P.L. 104-191 under sections 732(c) and 733(c) of Title I of the
14 Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and sections
15 2747 and 2791(c) of the Public Health Service Act.

16 "Self-employed individual" means a person operating the
17 person's own business, whether as a sole proprietor or in any
18 other legally recognized manner that a person may operate the



1 person's own business, and who has a general excise tax license
2 for that business.

3 "Small employer" means an employer who employs between one
4 and no more than fifty employees[-], or a self-employed
5 individual."

6 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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Report Title:

Health Insurance; Coverage Expansion; Self-Employed; Sole Proprietors

Description:

Extends group health insurance coverage for small employers to include self-employed individuals with no employees or small businesses with part-time employees. (SD1)

