
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH 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 (d) to read as follows:

3 "(d) Subject to subsection (e)(1), beginning September 1,
4 2008, and annually thereafter, all group health issuers shall
5 offer small group health plans to self-employed individuals who
6 live, work, or reside in the group health issuer's service
7 areas; provided that the commissioner may exempt a group health
8 issuer if the commissioner determines that the group health
9 issuer does not have the capacity to deliver services adequately
10 to enrollees of additional groups given its obligation to
11 existing employer groups. Self-employed individuals who buy
12 these small group health plans shall be pooled together with
13 other small businesses and shall not be segregated into a
14 separate pool for only self-employed individuals."

15 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Health Insurance; Self-Employed; Pooling

Description:

Requires health insurers to pool self-employed individuals with other small businesses.

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