AN ACT to amend 148.03 (2) and 204.31 (3m) of the statutes, relating to construction of accident and sickness insurance policies.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 148.03 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

148.03 (2) Such plans shall be governed by ss. 200.26 and 204.31 (3m) and by no other law relating to insurance unless such law is referred to in ss. 200.26 and 204.31 (3m) and no law hereafter (1969) enacted after the effective date of this amendment (1973) shall apply to such plans unless they are expressly designated therein or refer to such organizations as are responsible for the operation of such plans.

SECTION 2. 204.31 (3m) of the statutes is amended to read:

204.31 (3m) CONSTRUCTION. Every policy of accident and sickness insurance shall be construed according to the entirety of its terms and conditions as set forth in the policy and as amplified, extended or modified by any rider, endorsement or application attached to and made a part of the policy. The word "physician" when used in any accident and sickness policy issued or renewed on or after 90 days after January 11, 1970 the effective date of this amendment (1973), shall be construed to include a dentist or optometrist performing procedures within the scope of his professional license.