Bill

Received: 12/02/1999	Received By: kahlepj
Wanted: As time permits	Identical to LRB:
For: Brian Burke (608) 266-8535	By/Representing: Debbie
This file may be shown to any legislator: NO	Drafter: kahlepj
May Contact:	Alt. Drafters:
Subject: Insurance - miscellaneous	Extra Copies:
Pre Topic:	
No specific pre topic given	
Topic:	
Insurance policy prohibitions related to persons who have	ave been or may be victims of domestic abuse
Instructions:	

Drafting Hi	istory:
-------------	---------

See Attached

Vers.	Drafted	Reviewed	<u>Typed</u>	Proofed	Submitted	Jacketed	<u>Required</u>
/?	kahlepj 12/13/1999	wjackson 12/13/1999					S&L
/1			martykr · 12/14/199	9	lrb_docadmin 12/14/1999		S&L
/2	kahlepj 01/03/2000	wjackson 01/03/2000	jfrantze 01/04/200	0	1rb_docadmin 01/04/2000		S&L
/3	kahlepj 01/19/2000	wjackson 01/19/2000	jfrantze 01/19/200	0	1rb_docadmin 01/19/2000	lrb_docadmi 01/28/2000	n

01/28/2000 11:32:01 AM Page 2

FE Sent For:

For:

<END>

(2

Bill

Received: 12/02/1999				Received By: kahlepj					
Wanted	Wanted: As time permits				Identical to LRB:				
For: Brian Burke (608) 266-8535				By/Representing: Debbie					
This file may be shown to any legislator: NO					Drafter: kahlepj				
May Co	ontact:				Alt. Drafters:				
Subject	: Insuran	ce - miscellan	eous		Extra Copies:				
Pre To	pic:				-				
No spec	cific pre topic gi	ven							
Topic:									
Insuran	ce policy prohib	itions related to	o persons w	ho have been	or may be victims	of domestic a	buse		
Instruc	tions:					····			
See Atta	ached								
——————————————————————————————————————	ng History:								
Vers.	<u>Drafted</u>	Reviewed	Typed	Proofed	Submitted	Jacketed	Required		
/?	kahlepj 12/13/1999	wjackson 12/13/1999					S&L		
/1			martykr 12/14/19	99	lrb_docadmin 12/14/1999		S&L		
/2	kahlepj 01/03/2000	wjackson 01/03/2000	jfrantze 01/04/20	000	lrb_docadmin 01/04/2000		S&L		

jfrantze _____ 01/19/2000 _____

wjackson 01/19/2000

kahlepj 01/19/2000

/3

lrb_docadmin

01/19/2000

Bill

Received: 12/02/1999 Wanted: As time permits For: Brian Burke (608) 266-8535 This file may be shown to any legislator: NO				Received By: kahlepj Identical to LRB:				
				Drafter: kahlepj				
				May Co	ontact:			
Subject: Insurance - miscellaneous				Extra Copies:				
Pre To	pic:			<u>,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,</u>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	······································		
No spec	cific pre topic gi	ven						
Topic:								
Insuran	ce policy prohib	itions related to	persons w	ho have been	or may be victims of domestic	c abuse		
Instruc	ctions:				·			
See Atta	ached							
Draftin	ng History:			W /*******************************				
Vers.	Drafted	Reviewed	Typed	Proofed	Submitted Jacketed	Required		
/?	kahlepj 12/13/1999	wjackson 12/13/1999				S&L		
/1			martykr 12/14/19	99	lrb_docadmin 12/14/1999	S&L		
/2	kahlepj 01/03/2000	wjackson 01/03/2000	jfrantze 01/04/20	00	lrb_docadmin 01/04/2000			
FE Sent	t For:		8/19	5000 1/19 <end></end>				

Bill

Received: 12/02/1999 Wanted: As time permits					Received By: kahlepj Identical to LRB:				
This file	This file may be shown to any legislator: NO						·		
May Con	tact:				Alt. Drafters:				
Subject:	Insuran	ce - miscellan	eous		Extra Copies:				
Pre Topi	ic:	<u> </u>							
No specif	fic pre topic gi	ven							
Topic:									
Insurance	e policy prohib	itions related to	o persons wh	no have been	or may be victims	of domestic ab	ouse		
Instructi	ions:			·········					
See Attac	ched								
Drafting	History:								
Vers.	<u>Drafted</u>	Reviewed	Typed	Proofed	Submitted	Jacketed	Required		
/?	kahlepj 12/13/1999	wjackson 12/13/1999					S&L		
/1			martykr 12/14/199	99 <u> </u>	lrb_docadmin 12/14/1999				
FE Sent I	For:		00.14	(END>					

Bill

Received: 12/02/1999

Received By: kahlepi

Wanted: As time permits

Identical to LRB:

For: Brian Burke (608) 266-8535

By/Representing: Debbie

This file may be shown to any legislator: NO

Drafter: kahlepj

May Contact:

Alt. Drafters:

Subject:

Insurance - miscellaneous

Extra Copies:

Pre Topic:

No specific pre topic given

Topic:

Insurance policy prohibitions related to persons who have been or may be victims of domestic abuse

Instructions:

See Attached

Drafting History:

Vers.

Drafted

Reviewed

Typed

Proofed

Submitted

Jacketed

Required

/?

kahlepj

小时烟 粉光

FE Sent For:

<END>



Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Finance

Memorandum

Pam Kahler - Legislative Reference Bureau To:

From: Senator Brian Burke

Date: 11/30/99

Drafting Request - Senate companion bill to 1999 AB 392 Re:

(substitute amendment)

Please prepare a Senate companion bill to 1999 AB 392, relating to prohibiting certain insurance practices on the basis of domestic abuse and prohibiting collective bargaining by the state with respect to the prohibitions.

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie from my office at 6-8535.

Thank you for your assistance.

Call Rital

courset formof sub?

wait

wait

final



State of Misconsin 1999 - 2000 LEGISLATURE

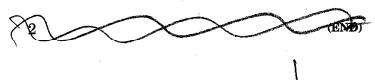
LRB-4019/ PJK...:/.....

PRENIMINARY DRAFT NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 AN ACT, relating to:

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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



Section #. 40.51 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

631.95

40.51 (8) Every health care coverage plan offered by the state under sub. (6) shall comply with ss. 631.89, 631.90, 631.93 (2), 632.72 (2), 632.746 (1) to (8) and (10), 632.747, 632.748, 632.85, 632.853, 632.855, 632.87 (3) to (5), 632.895 (5m) and (8) to (13) and 632.896.

History: 1981 c. 96; 1983 a. 27; 1985 a. 29; 1987 a. 27, 107, 356; 1987 a. 403 s. 256; 1989 a. 31, 93, 121, 129, 182, 201, 336, 359; 1991 a. 39, 70, 113, 152, 269, 315, 1993 a. 450, 481; 1995 a. 289; 1997 a. 27, 155, 202, 237, 252; s. 13.93 (2) (9).

Section #. 40.51 (8m) of the statutes is amended to read:

→ 631.95, V

40.51 (8m) Every health care coverage plan offered by the group insurance board under sub. (7) shall comply with ss. 632.746 (1) to (8) and (10), 632.747, 632.748, 632.85, 632.853, 632.855 and 632.895 (11) to (13).

NOTE: Sub. (8m) is shown as affected by four acts of the 1997 legislature and as merged by the revisor under

s,/13.93 (2)/(c).

History: 1981 c. 96; 1983 a 27, 1985 a. 29; 1987 a. 27, 107, 356; 1987 a. 403 s. 256; 1989 a 31, 93, 121, 129, 182,

201, 336, 359; 1991 a. 39, 70, 113, 152, 269, 315, 1993 a. 459, 481; 1995 a. 289, 1997 a. 27, 155, 202, 237, 252; s.

/13.93 (2) (c).

21

22

23

40.51 (8m) Every health care coverage plan offered by the group insurance 1 board under sub. (7) shall comply with ss. 681.95, 632.746 (1) to (8) and (10), 632.747 and, 632.748 and 632.895 (11) to (13). SECTION 3. 111.91 (2) (kc) of the statutes is created to read: 111.91 (2) (kc) Compliance with the insurance requirements under s. 631.95. 5 SECTION 4. 185.981 (4t) of the statutes, as affected by 1997 Wisconsin Act 27, 6 section 3133m, is amended to read: 7 185.981 (4t) A sickness care plan operated by a cooperative association is_ 8 subject to ss. 252.14, 631.17, 631.89, 631.95, 632.72 (2), 632.745 to 632.749, 632.87 9 (2m), (3), (4) and (5), 682.895 (10) to (13) and 632.897 (10) and chs. 149 and 155. 10 SECTION 5. 185.983 (1) (intro.) of the statutes, as affected by 1997 Wisconsin 11 Act 27, section 3134m, is amended to read: 12 185.983 (1) (intro.) Every such voluntary nonprofit sickness care plan shall be 13 exempt from chs. 600 to 646, with the exception of ss. 601.04, 601.13, 601.31, 601.41, 14 601.42, 601.43, 601.44, 601.45, 611.67, 619.04, 628.34 (10), 631.17, 631.89, 631.93, 15 631.95, 632.72(2), 632.745 to 632.749, 632.775, 632.79, 632.795, 632.87(2m), (3), (4) 16 and (5), 632.895 (5) and (9) to (13), 632.896 and 632.897 (10) and chs. 609, 630, 635, 17 645 and 646, but the sponsoring association shall: 18 Section 6. 609.89 of the statutes is created to read: 19

609.89 Written reason for coverage denial. Limited service health organizations, preferred provider plans and managed care plans are subject to s. 631.17.

SECTION 7. 609.90 of the statutes is created to read:

1	609.90 Restrictions related to domestic abuse. Limited service health
2	organizations, preferred provider plans and managed care plans are subject to s.
3	631.95.
4	SECTION 8. 631.17 of the statutes is created to read:
5	631.17 Written reason for coverage denial. An insurer that denies
6	coverage under an individual or group insurance policy or a certificate of group
7	insurance shall advise the applicant or proposed insured in writing of the reasons for
8	the denial.
9	SECTION 9. 631.95 of the statutes is created to read:
10	631.95 Restrictions on insurance practices; domestic abuse. (1)
11	DEFINITIONS. In this section:
12	(a) "Abuse" has the meaning given in s. 813.122 (1) (a).
13	(b) "Disability insurance policy" has the meaning given in s. 632.895 (1) (a).
14	(c) "Domestic abuse" has the meaning given in s. 968.075 (1) (a).
15	(2) GENERAL PROHIBITIONS. Except as provided in sub. (3), an insurer may not
16	do any of the following:
17	(a) Refuse to provide or renew coverage to a person, or cancel a person's
18	coverage, under an individual or group insurance policy or a certificate of group
19	insurance on the basis that the person has been, or the insurer has reason to believe
20	that the person is, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse or that a member of the
21	person's family has been, or the insurer has reason to believe that a member of the
22	person's family is, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse.
23	(b) Refuse to provide or renew coverage to an employer or other group, or cancel
24	an employer's or other group's coverage, under a group insurance policy on the basis
25	that an employe or other group member has been, or the insurer has reason to believe

- that an employe or other group member is, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse or that a member of an employe's or other group member's family has been, or the insurer has reason to believe that a member of an employe's or other group member's family is, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse.
- (c) Use as a factor in the determination of rates or any other aspect of insurance coverage under an individual or group insurance policy or a certificate of group insurance the knowledge or suspicion that a person or an employe or other group member has been or is a victim of abuse or domestic abuse or that a member of the person's or an employe's or other group member's family has been or is a victim of abuse or domestic abuse.
- (d) Under an individual or group disability insurance policy or a certificate of group disability insurance, exclude or limit coverage of, or deny a claim for, health care services or items related to the treatment of injury or disease resulting from abuse or domestic abuse on the basis that a person or an employe or other group member has been, or the insurer has reason to believe that a person or an employe or other group member is, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse or that a member of the person's or an employe's or other group member's family has been, or the insurer has reason to believe that a member of the person's or an employe's or other group member's family is, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse.
- (e) Under an individual or group life insurance policy or a certificate of group life insurance, deny or limit benefits in the event that the death of the person whose life is insured results from abuse or domestic abuse on the basis that the person whose life is insured has been, or the insurer has reason to believe that the person whose life is insured is, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse or that a member of the family of the person whose life is insured has been, or the insurer has reason to

believe that a member of the family of the person whose life is insured is, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse.

- (f) Under a property and casualty insurance policy that excludes coverage for loss or damage to property resulting from intentional acts, deny payment to an insured for a claim based on property loss or damage resulting from an act, or pattern, of abuse or domestic abuse if that insured did not cooperate in or contribute to the creation of the loss or damage and if the person who committed the act or acts that caused the loss or damage is criminally prosecuted for the act or acts. Payment to the innocent insured may be limited in accordance with his or her ownership interest in the property or reduced by payments to a mortgagee or other holder of a secured interest.
- disability insurance. In establishing premiums for an individual or group disability insurance policy or a certificate of group disability insurance, an insurer may inquire about a person's existing medical condition and, based on the opinion of a qualified actuary, as defined in s. 623.06 (1c), use information related to a person's existing medical condition, regardless of whether that condition is or may have been caused by abuse or domestic abuse.
- (b) Life insurance. With respect to an individual or group life insurance policy or a certificate of group life insurance, an insurer may, on the basis of information in medical, law enforcement or court records, or on the basis of information provided by the insured, policyholder or applicant for insurance, do any of the following:
- 1. Deny or limit benefits under such a policy or certificate to a beneficiary who is the perpetrator of abuse or domestic abuse that results in the death of the insured.

- 2. Refuse to issue such a policy or certificate that names as a beneficiary a person who is or was, or who the insurer has reason to believe is or was, a perpetrator of abuse or domestic abuse against the person who is to be the insured under the policy.

 3. Refuse to name as a beneficiary under such a policy or certificate a person
 - 3. Refuse to name as a beneficiary under such a policy or certificate a person who is or was, or who the insurer has reason to believe is or was, a perpetrator of abuse or domestic abuse against the insured under the policy.
 - 4. Refuse to issue such a policy or certificate to a person who is or was, or who the insurer has reason to believe is or was, a perpetrator of abuse or domestic abuse against the person who is to be the insured under the policy.
 - 5. Refuse to issue such a policy or certificate to a person who lacks an insurable interest in the person who is to be the insured under the policy.
 - 6. For purposes of underwriting; administering a claim under; or determining a person's eligibility for coverage, a benefit or payment under; such a policy or certificate; or for purposes of servicing such a policy or certificate or an application for such a policy or certificate; inquire about and use information related to a person's medical history or existing medical condition, regardless of whether that condition is or may have been caused by abuse or domestic abuse. Any adverse underwriting decision based on a person's medical history or medical condition must be made in accordance with sound actuarial principles or otherwise supported by actual or reasonably anticipated experience.
 - (c) Disability income or long-term care insurance. With respect to an individual or group disability income or long-term care insurance policy or a certificate of group disability income or long-term care insurance, an insurer may, on the basis of information in medical, law enforcement or court records, or on the basis of

Sonformity

information provided by the insured, policyholder or applicant for insurance, do any
of the following:

Refuse to name as a beneficiary under such a policy or certificate a person
who is or was, or who the insurer has reason to believe is or was, a perpetrator of
abuse or domestic abuse against the insured under the policy.
Refuse to issue such a policy or certificate to a person who is or was, or who
the insurer has reason to believe is or was, a perpetrator of abuse or domestic abuse

against the person who is to be the insured under the policy.

- 3. Refuse to issue such a policy or certificate to a person who lacks an insurable interest in the person who is to be the insured under the policy.
- 4. For purposes of underwriting, establishing premiums for or administering a claim under such a policy or certificate, inquire about and use information related to a person's medical history or existing medical condition, regardless of whether that condition is or may have been caused by abuse or domestic abuse. Any adverse underwriting decision based on a person's medical history or medical condition must be made in condition with sound actuarial principles or otherwise supported by actual or reasonably anticipated experience.
- (4) Immunity for insurers. An insurer is immune from any civil or criminal liability for any action taken under sub. (3) or for the death of, or injury to, an insured that results from abuse or domestic abuse.
- Use and disclosure of abuse information. (a) Except as provided in pars. (c) and (d) and sub. (3), no person employed by or contracting with an insurer may use, disclose or transfer information related to any of the following:
- 1. Whether an insured or applicant for insurance or a member of the insured's or applicant's family, or whether an employe or other group member of an insured

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

20 (21)

3 to .

24

22

23

25

NO Je

or applicant for insurance or a member of the employe's or other group member's 1 family, is or has been, or is with reason believed by the person employed by or 2 contracting with the insurer to be or to have been, a victim of abuse or domestic 3 abuse. 4 Whether an insured or applicant for insurance, or whether an employe or 5 other group member of an insured or applicant for insurance, is a family member or 6 associate of, or appropries in a relationship with, a person who is or has been, or who 7 the person employed by or contracting with the insurer has reason to believe is or has 8 been, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse. 9 3 Whether an insured or an applicant for insurance is a property of (10)who is or has been, or who the person employed by or contracting with the insurer 11 has reason to believe is or has been, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse. 12 (b) Except as provided in pars. (c) and (d), a person employed by or contracting 13 with an insurer may not disclose or transfer information related to the telephone 14 number or address or other location of any of the following individuals, if the person 15 knows that the individual is or has been, or has reason to believe that the individual 16 is or has been, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse: 17 1. An insured. 18 2. An applicant for insurance. 19 3. An employe of an insured or of an applicant for insurance. 20 4. A group member of an insured or of an applicant for insurance. 21 5. A member of the family of any of the individuals listed in subds. 1. to 4. 22 (c) Paragraphs (a) and (b) do not apply if the use, disclosure or transfer of the 23 information is made with the consent of the individual to whom the information 24

relates or if the use, disclosure or transfer satisfies any of the following:

1	1. Is for a purpose related to the direct provision of health care services.
2	2. Is for a valid business purpose, including the disclosure or transfer of the
3	information to any of the following:
4	a. A reinsurer.
5	b. A party to a proposed or consummated sale, transfer, merger or consolidation
6	of all or part of the business of the insurer.
7	c. Medical, underwriting or claims personnel under contract or affiliated with
8	the insurer.
9	d. An attorney representing the interests of the insurer.
10	e. The policyholder or policyholder's assignee as a result of delivery of the
11	policy.
12	3. Is in response to legal process.
13	4. Is required by a court order or an order of an entity with authority to regulate
14	insurance, or is otherwise required by law.
15	5. Is required or authorized by the commissioner by rule.
16	(d) Nothing in this subsection limits or precludes an insured or an applicant
17	for insurance, or an employe or other group member of an insured or applicant for
18	insurance, from obtaining his or her own insurance records from an insurer.
19	SECTION 10. Initial applicability.
20	(1) This act first applies to all of the following:
21	(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), policies or certificates that are issued,
22	renewed or applied for, whichever is appropriate, on the effective date of this
23	paragraph.
24	(b) Policies or certificates covering employes who are affected by a collective
25	bargaining agreement containing provisions inconsistent with this act that are

1	issued, renewed or applied for, whichever is appropriate, on the earlier of the
2	following:
3	1. The day on which the collective bargaining agreement expires.
4	2. The day on which the collective bargaining agreement is extended, modified
5	or renewed.
6	Section 11. Effective date.
7	(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 6th month beginning after
8	publication.

(END)



2

3

4

5

7

8

9

10

11

State of Misconsin 1999 - 2000 LEGISLATURE

LRBs0153/3 PJK:cmk:km

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT TO 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 392

Eyset RC

AN ACT to amend 40.51 (8), 40.51 (8m), 185.981 (4t) and 185.983 (1) (intro.); and to create 111.91 (2) (kc), 609.89, 609.90, 631.17 and 631.95 of the statutes; relating to: prohibiting certain insurance practices on the basis of domestic abuse, providing written reasons for coverage denial and prohibiting collective bargaining by the state with respect to the prohibitions.

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

SECTION 1. 40.51 (8) of the statutes, as affected by 1997 Wisconsin Act 27,

section 1324m, is amended to read:

40.51 (8) Every health care doverage plan offered by the state under sub. (6)

shall comply with ss. 631.89, 631.90 631.93 (2), 631.95, 632.72 (2), 632.746 (1) to (8)

and (10), 632.747, 632.748, 632.87 (3) to (5), 632/895 (5m) and (8) to (13) and 632.896.

SECTION 2. 40.51 (8m) of the statutes, as affected by 1997 Wisconsin Act 27,

section 1325m, is amended to read:

1	40.51 (8m) Every health care coverage plan offered by the group insurance
2	board under sub. (7) shall comply with ss. 631,95, 632.746 (1) to (8) and (10), 632.747
3	and, 632.748 and 632.895 (11) to (13).
4	SECTION 3. 111.91 (2) (kc) of the statutes is created to read:
5	111.91 (2) (kc) Compliance with the insurance requirements under s. 631.95
6	SECTION 4. 185.981 (4t) of the statutes, as affected by 1997 Wisconsin Act 27,
7	section 3133m, is amended to read:
8	185.981 (4t) A sickness care plan operated by a cooperative association is
9	subject to ss. 252.14, 631.17, 631.89, 631.95, 632.72 (2), 632.745 to 632.749, 632.87
10	(2m), (3), (4) and (5), 632.895 (10) to (13) and 632.897 (10) and chs. 149 and 155.
11	SECTION 5. 185.983 (1) (intro.) of the statutes, as affected by 1997 Wisconsin
12	Act 27, section 3134m, is amended to read:
13	185.983 (1) (intro.) Every such voluntary nonprofit sickness care plan shall be
14	exempt from chs. 600 to 646, with the exception of ss. 601.04, 601.13, 601.31, 601.41,
15	601.42, 601.43, 601.44, 601.45, 611.67, 619.04, 628.34 (10), 631.17, 631.89, 631.93,
16	631.95, 632.72 (2), 632.745 to 632.749, 632.775, 632.79, 632.795, 632.87 (2m), (3), (4)
17	and (5), 632,895 (5) and (9) to (13), 632.896 and 632.897 (10) and chs. 609, 630, 635,
18	645 and 646, but the sponsoring association shall:
19	SECTION 6. 609.89 of the statutes is created to read:
2 0	609.89 Written reason for coverage denial. Limited service health
21	organizations, preferred provider plans and managed care plans are subject to s.
22 /	631.17.
23	SECTION 7. 609.90 of the statutes is created to read:
۷.	



State of Misconsin 1999-2000 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1312/2 PJK:cmh&jlg;jf

1999 ASSÈMBLY BILL 392

June 24, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives Cullen, Wasserman, Carpenter, Young, J. Lehman, Ziegelbauer and Bock, cosponsored by Senators Burke, Robson, Clausing, Roesser and Darling. Referred to Committee on Insurance.

Lusat H

AN ACT to gmend 40.51 (8), 40.51 (8m), 185.981 (4t) and 185.983 (1) (intro.); and

to create 111.91 (2)/(kc), 609.90 and 631.95 of the statutes; relating to:

prohibiting certain/insurance practices on the basis of domestic abuse and

prohibiting collective bargaining by the state with respect to the prohibitions.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureque

This bill prohibits an insurer from refusing to provide or renew coverage to a person or a group, or from canceling a person's or group's coverage, under any type of insurance policy on the basis that the person or a group member has been, or that the insurer has reason to believe that the person's or a group member is, a victim of child or domestic abuse or that a member of the person's or a group member's family has been, or that the insurer has reason to believe that a member of the person's or a group member's family is, a victim of child or domestic abuse. (Under the statutes, domestic abuse refers to abuse of an adult family or household member.) The bill provides, however, that for life, disability income or long—term care insurance an insurer may refuse to issue a policy that would name as beneficiary a person who is, or who the insurer has reason to believe is, a perpetrator of child or domestic abuse against the person who would be the insured under the policy. An insurer also may refuse to issue a life, disability income or long—term care insurance policy to a person who lacks an insurable interest in the person who would be the insured under the policy.

Under the bill, an insurer is prohibited from using as a factor in determining rates, or any other aspect of insurance coverage, the knowledge or suspicion that a

2

 $\sqrt{3}$

(Now

ASSEMBLY BILL 392

person or group member has been or is a victim of child or domestic abuse or that a member of the person's or a group member's family has been or is a victim of child or domestic abuse. The bill provides, however, that in establishing premiums for provided health insurance policy (called disability insurance policy in the statutes) an insurer may inquire about and use information related to a person's existing medical condition, regardless of whether the condition was caused by child or domestic abuse.

The bill prohibits a health insurer from excluding or limiting coverage to a person or a group under a health insurance policy, or from denying a claim, for services or items related to the treatment of injury or disease resulting from child or domestic abuse on the basis that the person or a group member has been, or that the insurer has reason to believe that the person or a group member is, a victim of child or domestic abuse or that a member of the person's or a group member's family has been, or that the insurer has reason to believe that a member of the person's or a group member's family is, a victim of child or domestic abuse.

A life insurer is prohibited from denying or limiting benefits to a beneficiary in the event that the death of the person whose life is insured results from child or domestic abuse on the basis that the person whose life is insured has been, or that the insurer has reason to believe that the person whose life is insured is, a victim of child or domestic abuse or that a member of the family of the person whose life is insured has been, or that the insurer has reason to believe that a member of the family of the person whose life is insured is, a victim of child or domestic abuse. A life insurer may, however, deny or limit benefits to a beneficiary who perpetrates child or domestic abuse that results in the death of the person whose life is insured.

An insurer under a property and casualty insurance policy is prohibited from denying a claim of an insured on the basis that the damage to which the claim relates was caused by an intentional act, including child or domestic abuse. If the purpose of the claim is to obtain insurance proceeds, however, the prohibition applies only if the insured making the claim was unaware that the person intended to commit the intentional act.

With certain exceptions, the bill prohibits a person employed by an insurer or contracting with an insurer from using, disclosing or transferring certain personal information related to child or domestic abuse, such as information about whether a person or group member, or a member of the person's or group member's family, has been or is believed to be a victim of child or domestic abuse and information about

any medical condition of a person or group member, or member of the persons of group member's family that is or that is believed to be the result of child or domestic abuse. With certain exceptions, the bill also prohibits a person employed by an insurer or contracting with an insurer from disclosing or transferring information related to the telephone number or address of a person or group member who is an insured or applicant for insurance, or a member of the family of a person or group member who is an insured or applicant for insurance.

The bill requires an insurer that denies coverage to a person or group under any type of insurance policy to advise the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial. Insurers are already required under current law to specify in a cancellation

Great A-1

have have

D

ASSEMBLY BILL 392

le insurance)

or nonrenewal notice the basis for the cancellation or nonrenewal of an insurance

Finally, the bill gives the transfer immunity from any civil or criminal liability for: 1) denying benefits to a beneficiary who is the perpetrator of child or domestic abuse that results in the death of the insured; 2) refusing to issue a life insurance policy that names as a beneficiary a person who is of who the insurer has reason to believe is, a perpetrator of child or domestic abuse against the person who would be the insured under the policy; the death of, or injury to, an insured resulting from child or domestic abuse.

Current law contains two provisions that are somewhat similar to provisions in the bill. An insurer may not condition the provision of insurance coverage on, or consider in the determination of rates or any other aspect of insurance coverage, whether a person has obtained, or the results of, a test for the presence of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), antigen or nonantigenic products of HIV or an antibody to HIV, or whether a person or a member of the person's family has obtained, or the results of, a genetic test.

For further information see the **state** and **local** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 40.51 (8) of the statutes, as affected by 1997 Wisconsin Act 27, section 1324m, is amended to read:

40.51 (8) Every health care coverage plan offered by the state under sub. (6) shall comply with ss. 631.89, 631.90, 631.98 (2), 631.95, 632.72 (2), 632.746 (1) to (8) and (10), 632.747, 632.748, 632.87 (3) to (5), 632.895 (5m) and (8) to (13) and 632.896.

SECTION 2. 40.51 (8m) of the statutes, as affected by 1997 Wisconsin Act 27 section 1325m, is amended to read:

40.51 (8m) Every health care coverage plan offered by the group insurance board under sub. (7) shall comply with ss. 631.95, 632.746 (1) to (8) and (10), 632.747 and, 632.748 and 632.895 (11) to (13).

SECTION 3. 111.91 (2) (kc) of the statutes is created to read:

111.91 (2) (kc) Compliance with the insurance requirements under s. 631.95.

(and ofins. A)

tions-that in the forestions

1 ²

3

5 6

7

8

10

11

1999–2000 Drafting Insert FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

INSERT A-1

An insurer under a property and casualty insurance policy that excludes coverage for loss or damage resulting from intentional acts is prohibited from denying a claim based on property loss or damage resulting from acts of child or domestic abuse if the insured making the claim did not cooperate in or contribute to the creation of the loss or damage and if the person who caused the loss or damage is criminally prosecuted for the acts that caused the loss or damage.

(END OF INSERT A-1)

INSERT A-2

, and who is or has been or who is believed to be or to have been a victim of child or domestic abuse

(END OF INSERT A-2)

INSERT A-3

3) refusing to name as a beneficiary under a life, disability income or long-term care insurance policy a person who is or was, or who the insurer has reason to believe is or was, a perpetrator of child or domestic abuse against the person who would be the insured under the policy; and 4) inquiring about and using information related to a person's medical condition, regardless of whether the condition was caused by child or domestic abuse, for the purpose of establishing premiums under a life, disability income or long-term care insurance policy. The bill also gives an insurer immunity from civil and criminal liability for

(END OF INSERT A-3)

under a healt insurance pol and for va

sther insurance-related

Section #. 185.981 (4t) of the statutes is amended to read:

631.17

185.981 (4t) A sickness care plan operated by a cooperative association is subject to ss. 252.14,

631.89, 632.72 (2), 632.745 to 632.749, 632.85, 632.853, 632.855, 632.87 (2m), (3), (4) and (5),

632.895 (10) to (13) and 632.897 (10) and chs. 149 and 155.

History: 1971 c, 40 s. 93; 1971 c. 307 s. 178; 1975 c. 98; 1975 c. 223 s. 28; 1975 c. 224 s. 146; 1975 c. 421; 1981 c.

39 s. 22, 1981 c. 205; 1981 c. 391/s. 210; 1985 a. 29; 1985 a. 30 s. 42; 1987 a. 27 se. 1917e, 3202 (47) (a); 1987 a.

312/s. 17; 1989 a. 121, 129, 200, 201, 336; 1991 a. 39, 123, 269; 1998 a. 27, 450, 481; 1995 a. 27, 118, 289; 1997 a.

27, 155, 237.

Section #. 185.983 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

631.17

> 631.95

185.983 (1) (intro.) Every such voluntary nonprofit sickness care plan shall be exempt from chs. 600 to 646, with the exception of ss. 601.04, 601.13, 601.31, 601.41, 601.42, 601.43, 601.44, 601.45, 611.67, 619.04, 628.34 (10), 631.89, 631.93, 632.72 (2), 632.745 to 632.749, 632.775, 632.79, 632.795, 632.85, 632.853, 632.855, 632.87 (2m), (3), (4) and (5), 632.895 (5) and (9) to (13). 632.896 and 632.897 (10) and chs. 609, 630, 635, 645 and 646, but the sponsoring association shall:

History: 1975 c 98; 1975 c. 224 s. 146; 1975 c 352; 1975 c. 422 s. 163; 1977 c. 339; 1979 c. 89; 1981 c. 20; 1981 c. 39 s. 22; 1981 c. 82; 1981 c. 391 s. 210; 1983 a. 189 s. 329 (25); 1983 a. 396; 1985 a. 29 ss. 2060d to 2060r, 3202 (30); 1987 a. 27, 325; 1989 a. 23, 31, 129, 200, 201, 336, 359; 1991 a. 39, 189; 250, 269, 315; 1993 a. 450, 481, 482; 1995 a. 289; 1997 a. 27, 155, 237.

(and of ins. 2-18)



2

3

4

5

State of Misconsin 1999 - 2000 LEGISLATURE

LRB-4019/K
PJK:wlj:km

1999 BILL



AN ACT to amend 40.51 (8), 40.51 (8m), 185.981 (4t) and 185.983 (1) (intro.); and to create 111.91 (2) (kc), 609.89, 609.90, 631.17 and 631.95 of the statutes; relating to: prohibiting certain insurance practices on the basis of domestic abuse, providing written reasons for coverage denial and prohibiting collective bargaining by the state with respect to the prohibitions.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits an insurer from refusing to provide or renew coverage to a person or a group, or from canceling a person's or group's coverage, under any type of insurance policy on the basis that the person or a group member has been, or that the insurer has reason to believe that the person or a group member is, a victim of child or domestic abuse or that a member of the person's or a group member's family has been, or that the insurer has reason to believe that a member of the person's or a group member's family is, a victim of child or domestic abuse. (Under the statutes, domestic abuse refers to abuse of an adult family or household member.) The bill provides, however, that for life, disability income or long—term care insurance an insurer may refuse to issue a policy that would name as beneficiary a person who is or was, or who the insurer has reason to believe is or was, a perpetrator of child or domestic abuse against the person who would be the insured under the policy. An insurer also may refuse to issue a life, disability income or long—term care insurance policy to a person who lacks an insurable interest in the person who would be the insured under the policy.

Under the bill, an insurer is prohibited from using as a factor in determining rates, or any other aspect of insurance coverage, the knowledge or suspicion that a person or group member has been or is a victim of child or domestic abuse or that a member of the person's or a group member's family has been or is a victim of child or domestic abuse. The bill provides, however, that in establishing premiums for a health insurance policy (called disability insurance policy in the statutes) an insurer may inquire about and use information related to a person's existing medical condition, regardless of whether the condition was caused by child or domestic abuse.

The bill prohibits a health insurer from excluding or limiting coverage to a person or a group under a health insurance policy, or from denying a claim, for services or items related to the treatment of injury or disease resulting from child or domestic abuse on the basis that the person or a group member has been, or that the insurer has reason to believe that the person or a group member is, a victim of child or domestic abuse or that a member of the person's or a group member's family has been, or that the insurer has reason to believe that a member of the person's or a group member's family is, a victim of child or domestic abuse.

A life insurer is prohibited from denying or limiting benefits to a beneficiary in the event that the death of the person whose life is insured results from child or domestic abuse on the basis that the person whose life is insured has been, or that the insurer has reason to believe that the person whose life is insured is, a victim of child or domestic abuse or that a member of the family of the person whose life is insured has been, or that the insurer has reason to believe that a member of the family of the person whose life is insured is, a victim of child or domestic abuse. A life insurer may, however, deny or limit benefits to a beneficiary who perpetrates child or domestic abuse that results in the death of the person whose life is insured.

An insurer under a property and insurance policy that excludes coverage for loss or damage resulting from intentional acts is prohibited from denying a claim based on property loss or damage resulting from acts of child or domestic abuse if the insured making the claim did not cooperate in or contribute to the creation of the loss or damage and if the person who caused the loss or damage is criminally prosecuted for the acts that caused the loss or damage.

With certain exceptions, the bill prohibits a person employed by an insurer or contracting with an insurer from using, disclosing or transferring certain personal information related to child or domestic abuse, such as information about whether a person or group member, or a member of the person's or group member's family, is or has been or is believed to be or to have been a victim of child or domestic abuse. With certain exceptions, the bill also prohibits a person employed by an insurer or contracting with an insurer from disclosing or transferring information related to the telephone number or address of a person or group member who is an insured or applicant for insurance, or a member of the family of a person or group member who is an insured or applicant for insurance, and who is or has been or who is believed to be or to have been a victim of child or domestic abuse.

The bill requires an insurer that denies coverage to a person or group under any type of insurance policy to advise the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial. Insurers are already required under current law to specify in a cancellation

or nonrenewal notice the basis for the cancellation or nonrenewal of an insurance policy.

Finally, the bill gives an insurer immunity from any civil or criminal liability for actions that, in the bill, are exceptions to the specified prohibited actions, including: 1) denying life insurance benefits to a beneficiary who is the perpetrator of child or domestic abuse that results in the death of the insured; 2) refusing to issue a life insurance policy that names as a beneficiary a person who is or was, or who the insurer has reason to believe is or was, a perpetrator of child or domestic abuse against the person who would be the insured under the policy; 3) refusing to name as a beneficiary under a life, disability income or long-term care insurance policy a person who is or was, or who the insurer has reason to believe is or was, a perpetrator of child or domestic abuse against the person who would be the insured under the policy; and 4) inquiring about and using information related to a person's medical condition, regardless of whether the condition was caused by child or domestic abuse, for the purpose of establishing premiums under a health insurance policy and for various other insurance-related purposes under a life, disability income or long-term care insurance policy. The bill also gives an insurer immunity from civil and criminal liability for the death of, or injury to, an insured resulting from child or domestic abuse.

Current law contains two provisions that are somewhat similar to provisions in the bill. An insurer may not condition the provision of insurance coverage on, or consider in the determination of rates or any other aspect of insurance coverage, whether a person has obtained, or the results of, a test for the presence of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), antigen or nonantigenic products of HIV or an antibody to HIV, or whether a person or a member of the person's family has obtained, or the results of, a genetic test.

For further information see the **state** and **local** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 40.51 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

40.51 (8) Every health care coverage plan offered by the state under sub. (6)

shall comply with ss. 631.89, 631.90, 631.93 (2), <u>631.95</u>, 632.72 (2), 632.746 (1) to (8)

and (10), 632.747, 632.748, 632.85, 632.853, 632.855, 632.87 (3) to (5), 632.895 (5m)

5 and (8) to (13) and 632.896.

1

2

3

4

6

SECTION 2. 40.51 (8m) of the statutes is amended to read:

1	40.51 (8m) Every health care coverage plan offered by the group insurance
2	board under sub. (7) shall comply with ss. $\underline{631.95}$, 632.746 (1) to (8) and (10), 632.747 ,
3	632.748, 632.85, 632.853, 632.855 and 632.895 (11) to (13).
4	SECTION 3. 111.91 (2) (kc) of the statutes is created to read:
5	111.91 (2) (kc) Compliance with the insurance requirements under s. 631.95.
6	SECTION 4. 185.981 (4t) of the statutes is amended to read:
7	185.981 (4t) A sickness care plan operated by a cooperative association is
8	subject to ss. 252.14 , $\underline{631.17}$, 631.89 , $\underline{631.95}$, 632.72 (2), 632.745 to 632.749 , 632.85 ,
9	632.853, 632.855, 632.87 (2m), (3), (4) and (5), 632.895 (10) to (13) and 632.897 (10)
10	and chs. 149 and 155.
11	SECTION 5. 185.983 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
12	185.983 (1) (intro.) Every such voluntary nonprofit sickness care plan shall be
13	exempt from chs. 600 to 646, with the exception of ss. 601.04, 601.13, 601.31, 601.41,
14	$601.42,601.43,601.44,601.45,611.67,619.04,628.34(10),\underline{631.17},631.89,631.93,$
15	631.95, 632.72 (2), 632.745 to 632.749, 632.775, 632.79, 632.795, 632.85, 632.853,
16	632.855, 632.87 (2m), (3), (4) and (5), 632.895 (5) and (9) to (13), 632.896 and 632.897
17	(10) and chs. 609, 630, 635, 645 and 646, but the sponsoring association shall:
18	SECTION 6. 609.89 of the statutes is created to read:
19	609.89 Written reason for coverage denial. Limited service health
20	organizations, preferred provider plans and managed care plans are subject to s.
21	631.17.
22	SECTION 7. 609.90 of the statutes is created to read:
23	609.90 Restrictions related to domestic abuse. Limited service health
24	organizations, preferred provider plans and managed care plans are subject to s.
25	631.95.

S	ECTION 8.	631 17	of the	statutes	is	created	to	read.

- 631.17 Written reason for coverage denial. An insurer that denies coverage under an individual or group insurance policy or a certificate of group insurance shall advise the applicant or proposed insured in writing of the reasons for the denial.
 - **SECTION 9.** 631.95 of the statutes is created to read:
- 631.95 Restrictions on insurance practices; domestic abuse. (1)
 DEFINITIONS. In this section:
 - (a) "Abuse" has the meaning given in s. 813.122 (1) (a).
 - (b) "Disability insurance policy" has the meaning given in s. 632.895 (1) (a).
 - (c) "Domestic abuse" has the meaning given in s. 968.075 (1) (a).
- (2) GENERAL PROHIBITIONS. Except as provided in sub. (3), an insurer may not do any of the following:
- (a) Refuse to provide or renew coverage to a person, or cancel a person's coverage, under an individual or group insurance policy or a certificate of group insurance on the basis that the person has been, or the insurer has reason to believe that the person is, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse or that a member of the person's family has been, or the insurer has reason to believe that a member of the person's family is, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse.
- (b) Refuse to provide or renew coverage to an employer or other group, or cancel an employer's or other group's coverage, under a group insurance policy on the basis that an employe or other group member has been, or the insurer has reason to believe that an employe or other group member is, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse or that a member of an employe's or other group member's family has been, or the insurer

has reason to believe that a member of an employe's or other group member's family is, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse.

- (c) Use as a factor in the determination of rates or any other aspect of insurance coverage under an individual or group insurance policy or a certificate of group insurance the knowledge or suspicion that a person or an employe or other group member has been or is a victim of abuse or domestic abuse or that a member of the person's or an employe's or other group member's family has been or is a victim of abuse or domestic abuse.
- (d) Under an individual or group disability insurance policy or a certificate of group disability insurance, exclude or limit coverage of, or deny a claim for, health care services or items related to the treatment of injury or disease resulting from abuse or domestic abuse on the basis that a person or an employe or other group member has been, or the insurer has reason to believe that a person or an employe or other group member is, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse or that a member of the person's or an employe's or other group member's family has been, or the insurer has reason to believe that a member of the person's or an employe's or other group member's family is, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse.
- (e) Under an individual or group life insurance policy or a certificate of group life insurance, deny or limit benefits in the event that the death of the person whose life is insured results from abuse or domestic abuse on the basis that the person whose life is insured has been, or the insurer has reason to believe that the person whose life is insured is, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse or that a member of the family of the person whose life is insured has been, or the insurer has reason to believe that a member of the family of the person whose life is insured is, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse.

- (f) Under a property interest insurance policy that excludes coverage for loss or damage to property resulting from intentional acts, deny payment to an insured for a claim based on property loss or damage resulting from an act, or pattern, of abuse or domestic abuse if that insured did not cooperate in or contribute to the creation of the loss or damage and if the person who committed the act or acts that caused the loss or damage is criminally prosecuted for the act or acts. Payment to the innocent insured may be limited in accordance with his or her ownership interest in the property or reduced by payments to a mortgagee or other holder of a secured interest.
- (3) Exceptions and qualifications related to prohibitions. (a) Disability insurance. In establishing premiums for an individual or group disability insurance policy or a certificate of group disability insurance, an insurer may inquire about a person's existing medical condition and, based on the opinion of a qualified actuary, as defined in s. 623.06 (1c), use information related to a person's existing medical condition, regardless of whether that condition is or may have been caused by abuse or domestic abuse.
- (b) Life insurance. With respect to an individual or group life insurance policy or a certificate of group life insurance, an insurer may, on the basis of information in medical, law enforcement or court records, or on the basis of information provided by the insured, policyholder or applicant for insurance, do any of the following:
- 1. Deny or limit benefits under such a policy or certificate to a beneficiary who is the perpetrator of abuse or domestic abuse that results in the death of the insured.
- 2. Refuse to issue such a policy or certificate that names as a beneficiary a person who is or was, or who the insurer has reason to believe is or was, a perpetrator

 $\mathbf{2}$

of abuse or domestic abuse against the person who is to be the insured under the policy.

- 3. Refuse to name as a beneficiary under such a policy or certificate a person who is or was, or who the insurer has reason to believe is or was, a perpetrator of abuse or domestic abuse against the insured under the policy.
- 4. Refuse to issue such a policy or certificate to a person who is or was, or who the insurer has reason to believe is or was, a perpetrator of abuse or domestic abuse against the person who is to be the insured under the policy.
- 5. Refuse to issue such a policy or certificate to a person who lacks an insurable interest in the person who is to be the insured under the policy.
- 6. For purposes of underwriting; administering a claim under; or determining a person's eligibility for coverage, a benefit or payment under; such a policy or certificate; or for purposes of servicing such a policy or certificate or an application for such a policy or certificate; inquire about and use information related to a person's medical history or existing medical condition, regardless of whether that condition is or may have been caused by abuse or domestic abuse. Any adverse underwriting decision based on a person's medical history or medical condition must be made in conformity with sound actuarial principles or otherwise supported by actual or reasonably anticipated experience.
- (c) Disability income or long-term care insurance. With respect to an individual or group disability income or long-term care insurance policy or a certificate of group disability income or long-term care insurance, an insurer may, on the basis of information in medical, law enforcement or court records, or on the basis of information provided by the insured, policyholder or applicant for insurance, do any of the following:

- 1. Refuse to name as a beneficiary under such a policy or certificate a person who is or was, or who the insurer has reason to believe is or was, a perpetrator of abuse or domestic abuse against the insured under the policy.
- 2. Refuse to issue such a policy or certificate to a person who is or was, or who the insurer has reason to believe is or was, a perpetrator of abuse or domestic abuse against the person who is to be the insured under the policy.
- 3. Refuse to issue such a policy or certificate to a person who lacks an insurable interest in the person who is to be the insured under the policy.
- 4. For purposes of underwriting; administering a claim under; or determining a person's eligibility for coverage, a benefit or payment under; such a policy or certificate; or for purposes of servicing such a policy or certificate or an application for such a policy or certificate; inquire about and use information related to a person's medical history or existing medical condition, regardless of whether that condition is or may have been caused by abuse or domestic abuse. Any adverse underwriting decision based on a person's medical history or medical condition must be made in conformity with sound actuarial principles or otherwise supported by actual or reasonably anticipated experience.
- (4) IMMUNITY FOR INSURERS. An insurer is immune from any civil or criminal liability for any action taken under sub. (3) or for the death of, or injury to, an insured that results from abuse or domestic abuse.
- (c) and (d) and sub. (3), no person employed by or contracting with an insurer may use, disclose or transfer information related to any of the following:
- 1. Whether an insured or applicant for insurance or a member of the insured's or applicant's family, or whether an employe or other group member of an insured

- or applicant for insurance or a member of the employe's or other group member's family, is or has been, or is with reason believed by the person employed by or contracting with the insurer to be or to have been, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse.
- 2. Whether an insured or applicant for insurance, or whether an employe or other group member of an insured or applicant for insurance, is a family member or associate of, or in a relationship with, a person who is or has been, or who the person employed by or contracting with the insurer has reason to believe is or has been, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse.
- 3. Whether an insured or an applicant for insurance employs a person who is or has been, or who the person employed by or contracting with the insurer has reason to believe is or has been, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse.
- (b) Except as provided in pars. (c) and (d), a person employed by or contracting with an insurer may not disclose or transfer information related to the telephone number or address or other location of any of the following individuals, if the person knows that the individual is or has been, or has reason to believe that the individual is or has been, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse:
 - 1. An insured.
 - 2. An applicant for insurance.
 - 3. An employe of an insured or of an applicant for insurance.
 - 4. A group member of an insured or of an applicant for insurance.
 - 5. A member of the family of any of the individuals listed in subds. 1. to 4.
- (c) Paragraphs (a) and (b) do not apply if the use, disclosure or transfer of the information is made with the consent of the individual to whom the information relates or if the use, disclosure or transfer satisfies any of the following:

25

1	1. Is for a purpose related to the direct provision of health care services.
2	2. Is for a valid business purpose, including the disclosure or transfer of the
3	information to any of the following:
4	a. A reinsurer.
5	b. A party to a proposed or consummated sale, transfer, merger or consolidation
6	of all or part of the business of the insurer.
7	c. Medical, underwriting or claims personnel under contract or affiliated with
8	the insurer.
9	d. An attorney representing the interests of the insurer.
10	e. The policyholder or policyholder's assignee as a result of delivery of the
11	policy.
12	3. Is in response to legal process.
13	4. Is required by a court order or an order of an entity with authority to regulate
14	insurance, or is otherwise required by law.
15	5. Is required or authorized by the commissioner by rule.
16	(d) Nothing in this subsection limits or precludes an insured or an applicant
17	for insurance, or an employe or other group member of an insured or applicant for
18	insurance, from obtaining his or her own insurance records from an insurer.
19	SECTION 10. Initial applicability.
20	(1) This act first applies to all of the following:
21	(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), policies or certificates that are issued,
22	renewed or applied for, whichever is appropriate, on the effective date of this
23	paragraph.
24	(b) Policies or certificates covering employes who are affected by a collective

bargaining agreement containing provisions inconsistent with this act that are

3

4

5

6

9

- issued, renewed or applied for, whichever is appropriate, on the earlier of the following:
 - 1. The day on which the collective bargaining agreement expires.
 - 2. The day on which the collective bargaining agreement is extended, modified or renewed.

SECTION 11. Effective date.

7 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 6th month beginning after publication.

(END)



STATE OF WISCONSIN – LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU – LEGAL SECTION (608–266–3561)

D-vote
i volt
Debbie: 9 the dropt
This vision makes one change,
This ording makes the drange,
Which was also made to
\
Rep. Cullen's substitute amendment
to assembly Buil 392: the words
-
"and casualty" are deleted after
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
@ "property" on page 7, line 1, so
that the insurance type & referred to
is property insurance, not property
and cosualty insurance
AT K
1×41/2

DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

LRB–4019/2dn PJK:wlj:jf

January 4, 2000

Debbie:

This version of the draft makes one change, which was also made to Rep. Cullen's substitute amendment to Assembly Bill 392: the words "and casualty" are deleted after "property" on page 7, line 1, so that the insurance type referred to is property insurance, not property and casualty insurance.

Pamela J. Kahler Senior Legislative Attorney Phone: (608) 266–2682

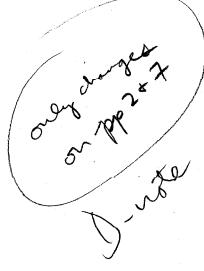
E-mail: Pam.Kahler@legis.state.wi.us



State of Misconsin 1999 - 2000 LEGISLATURE

LRB-4019/2 PJK:wlj:jf

1999 BILL



1

2

3

4

5

AN ACT to amend 40.51 (8), 40.51 (8m), 185.981 (4t) and 185.983 (1) (intro.); and to create 111.91 (2) (kc), 609.89, 609.90, 631.17 and 631.95 of the statutes; relating to: prohibiting certain insurance practices on the basis of domestic abuse, providing written reasons for coverage denial and prohibiting collective bargaining by the state with respect to the prohibitions.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits an insurer from refusing to provide or renew coverage to a person or a group, or from canceling a person's or group's coverage, under any type of insurance policy on the basis that the person or a group member has been, or that the insurer has reason to believe that the person or a group member is, a victim of child or domestic abuse or that a member of the person's or a group member's family has been, or that the insurer has reason to believe that a member of the person's or a group member's family is, a victim of child or domestic abuse. (Under the statutes, domestic abuse refers to abuse of an adult family or household member.) The bill provides, however, that for life, disability income or long—term care insurance an insurer may refuse to issue a policy that would name as beneficiary a person who is or was, or who the insurer has reason to believe is or was, a perpetrator of child or domestic abuse against the person who would be the insured under the policy. An insurer also may refuse to issue a life, disability income or long—term care insurance policy to a person who lacks an insurable interest in the person who would be the insured under the policy.

Under the bill, an insurer is prohibited from using as a factor in determining rates, or any other aspect of insurance coverage, the knowledge or suspicion that a person or group member has been or is a victim of child or domestic abuse or that a member of the person's or a group member's family has been or is a victim of child or domestic abuse. The bill provides, however, that in establishing premiums for a health insurance policy (called disability insurance policy in the statutes) an insurer may inquire about and use information related to a person's existing medical condition, regardless of whether the condition was caused by child or domestic abuse.

The bill prohibits a health insurer from excluding or limiting coverage to a person or a group under a health insurance policy, or from denying a claim, for services or items related to the treatment of injury or disease resulting from child or domestic abuse on the basis that the person or a group member has been, or that the insurer has reason to believe that the person or a group member is, a victim of child or domestic abuse or that a member of the person's or a group member's family has been, or that the insurer has reason to believe that a member of the person's or a group member's family is, a victim of child or domestic abuse.

A life insurer is prohibited from denying or limiting benefits to a beneficiary in the event that the death of the person whose life is insured results from child or domestic abuse on the basis that the person whose life is insured has been, or that the insurer has reason to believe that the person whose life is insured is, a victim of child or domestic abuse or that a member of the family of the person whose life is insured has been, or that the insurer has reason to believe that a member of the family of the person whose life is insured is, a victim of child or domestic abuse. A life insurer may, however, deny or limit benefits to a beneficiary who perpetrates child or domestic abuse that results in the death of the person whose life is insured.

An insurer interest property by that excludes coverage for loss or damage resulting from intentional acts is prohibited from denying a claim based on property loss or damage resulting from acts of child or domestic abuse if the insured making the claim did not cooperate in or contribute to the creation of the loss or damage and if the person who caused the loss or damage is criminally prosecuted for the acts that caused the loss or damage.

With certain exceptions, the bill prohibits a person employed by an insurer or contracting with an insurer from using, disclosing or transferring certain personal information related to child or domestic abuse, such as information about whether a person or group member, or a member of the person's or group member's family, is or has been or is believed to be or to have been a victim of child or domestic abuse. With certain exceptions, the bill also prohibits a person employed by an insurer or contracting with an insurer from disclosing or transferring information related to the telephone number or address of a person or group member who is an insured or applicant for insurance, or a member of the family of a person or group member who is an insured or applicant for insurance, and who is or has been or who is believed to be or to have been a victim of child or domestic abuse.

The bill requires an insurer that denies coverage to a person or group under any type of insurance policy to advise the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial. Insurers are already required under current law to specify in a cancellation

providing property

or nonrenewal notice the basis for the cancellation or nonrenewal of an insurance policy.

Finally, the bill gives an insurer immunity from any civil or criminal liability for actions that, in the bill, are exceptions to the specified prohibited actions, including: 1) denying life insurance benefits to a beneficiary who is the perpetrator of child or domestic abuse that results in the death of the insured; 2) refusing to issue a life insurance policy that names as a beneficiary a person who is or was, or who the insurer has reason to believe is or was, a perpetrator of child or domestic abuse against the person who would be the insured under the policy; 3) refusing to name as a beneficiary under a life, disability income or long-term care insurance policy a person who is or was, or who the insurer has reason to believe is or was, a perpetrator of child or domestic abuse against the person who would be the insured under the policy; and 4) inquiring about and using information related to a person's medical condition, regardless of whether the condition was caused by child or domestic abuse. for the purpose of establishing premiums under a health insurance policy and for various other insurance-related purposes under a life, disability income or long-term care insurance policy. The bill also gives an insurer immunity from civil and criminal liability for the death of, or injury to, an insured resulting from child or domestic abuse.

Current law contains two provisions that are somewhat similar to provisions in the bill. An insurer may not condition the provision of insurance coverage on, or consider in the determination of rates or any other aspect of insurance coverage, whether a person has obtained, or the results of, a test for the presence of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), antigen or nonantigenic products of HIV or an antibody to HIV, or whether a person or a member of the person's family has obtained, or the results of, a genetic test.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 40.51 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

40.51 (8) Every health care coverage plan offered by the state under sub. (6)

shall comply with ss. 631.89, 631.90, 631.93 (2), 631.95, 632.72 (2), 632.746 (1) to (8)

and (10), 632.747, 632.748, 632.85, 632.853, 632.855, 632.87 (3) to (5), 632.895 (5m)

5 and (8) to (13) and 632.896.

1

2

3

4

б

SECTION 2. 40.51 (8m) of the statutes is amended to read:

1	40.51 (8m) Every health care coverage plan offered by the group insurance
2	board under sub. (7) shall comply with ss. 631.95, 632.746 (1) to (8) and (10), 632.747,
3	632.748, 632.85, 632.853, 632.855 and 632.895 (11) to (13).
4	SECTION 3. 111.91 (2) (kc) of the statutes is created to read:
5	111.91 (2) (kc) Compliance with the insurance requirements under s. 631.95.
6	SECTION 4. 185.981 (4t) of the statutes is amended to read:
7	185.981 (4t) A sickness care plan operated by a cooperative association is
8	subject to ss. 252.14, <u>631.17</u> , 631.89, <u>631.95</u> , 632.72 (2), 632.745 to 632.749, 632.85,
9	632.853, 632.855, 632.87 (2m), (3), (4) and (5), 632.895 (10) to (13) and 632.897 (10)
10	and chs. 149 and 155.
11	SECTION 5. 185.983 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
12	185.983 (1) (intro.) Every such voluntary nonprofit sickness care plan shall be
13	exempt from chs. 600 to 646, with the exception of ss. 601.04, 601.13, 601.31, 601.41,
14	601.42, 601.43, 601.44, 601.45, 611.67, 619.04, 628.34 (10), 631.17, 631.89, 631.93,
15	631.95, 632.72 (2), 632.745 to 632.749, 632.775, 632.79, 632.795, 632.85, 632.853,
16	632.855, 632.87 (2m), (3), (4) and (5), 632.895 (5) and (9) to (13), 632.896 and 632.897
17	(10) and chs. 609, 630, 635, 645 and 646, but the sponsoring association shall:
18	SECTION 6. 609.89 of the statutes is created to read:
19	609.89 Written reason for coverage denial. Limited service health
20	organizations, preferred provider plans and managed care plans are subject to s.
21	631.17.
22	SECTION 7. 609.90 of the statutes is created to read:
23	609.90 Restrictions related to domestic abuse. Limited service health
24	organizations, preferred provider plans and managed care plans are subject to s.
25	631.95.

1 SECT	ion 8. 63	31.17 of t	he statutes	is created	to read:
--------	-----------	------------	-------------	------------	----------

- 631.17 Written reason for coverage denial. An insurer that denies coverage under an individual or group insurance policy or a certificate of group insurance shall advise the applicant or proposed insured in writing of the reasons for the denial.
 - **SECTION 9.** 631.95 of the statutes is created to read:
- 631.95 Restrictions on insurance practices; domestic abuse. (1)

 Definitions. In this section:
 - (a) "Abuse" has the meaning given in s. 813.122 (1) (a).
 - (b) "Disability insurance policy" has the meaning given in s. 632.895 (1) (a).
 - (c) "Domestic abuse" has the meaning given in s. 968.075 (1) (a).
 - (2) GENERAL PROHIBITIONS. Except as provided in sub. (3), an insurer may not do any of the following:
 - (a) Refuse to provide or renew coverage to a person, or cancel a person's coverage, under an individual or group insurance policy or a certificate of group insurance on the basis that the person has been, or the insurer has reason to believe that the person is, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse or that a member of the person's family has been, or the insurer has reason to believe that a member of the person's family is, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse.
 - (b) Refuse to provide or renew coverage to an employer or other group, or cancel an employer's or other group's coverage, under a group insurance policy on the basis that an employe or other group member has been, or the insurer has reason to believe that an employe or other group member is, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse or that a member of an employe's or other group member's family has been, or the insurer

has reason to believe that a member of an employe's or other group member's family is, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse.

- (c) Use as a factor in the determination of rates or any other aspect of insurance coverage under an individual or group insurance policy or a certificate of group insurance the knowledge or suspicion that a person or an employe or other group member has been or is a victim of abuse or domestic abuse or that a member of the person's or an employe's or other group member's family has been or is a victim of abuse or domestic abuse.
- (d) Under an individual or group disability insurance policy or a certificate of group disability insurance, exclude or limit coverage of, or deny a claim for, health care services or items related to the treatment of injury or disease resulting from abuse or domestic abuse on the basis that a person or an employe or other group member has been, or the insurer has reason to believe that a person or an employe or other group member is, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse or that a member of the person's or an employe's or other group member's family has been, or the insurer has reason to believe that a member of the person's or an employe's or other group member's family is, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse.
- (e) Under an individual or group life insurance policy or a certificate of group life insurance, deny or limit benefits in the event that the death of the person whose life is insured results from abuse or domestic abuse on the basis that the person whose life is insured has been, or the insurer has reason to believe that the person whose life is insured is, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse or that a member of the family of the person whose life is insured has been, or the insurer has reason to believe that a member of the family of the person whose life is insured is, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse.

(f) Under property insurance that excludes coverage for loss or damage to property resulting from intentional acts, deny payment to an insured for a claim based on property loss or damage resulting from an act, or pattern, of abuse or domestic abuse if that insured did not cooperate in or contribute to the creation of the loss or damage and if the person who committed the act or acts that caused the loss or damage is criminally prosecuted for the act or acts. Payment to the innocent insured may be limited in accordance with his or her ownership interest in the property or reduced by payments to a mortgagee or other holder of a secured interest.

- (3) EXCEPTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS RELATED TO PROHIBITIONS. (a) Disability insurance. In establishing premiums for an individual or group disability insurance policy or a certificate of group disability insurance, an insurer may inquire about a person's existing medical condition and, based on the opinion of a qualified actuary, as defined in s. 623.06 (1c), use information related to a person's existing medical condition, regardless of whether that condition is or may have been caused by abuse or domestic abuse.
- (b) Life insurance. With respect to an individual or group life insurance policy or a certificate of group life insurance, an insurer may, on the basis of information in medical, law enforcement or court records, or on the basis of information provided by the insured, policyholder or applicant for insurance, do any of the following:
- 1. Deny or limit benefits under such a policy or certificate to a beneficiary who is the perpetrator of abuse or domestic abuse that results in the death of the insured.
- 2. Refuse to issue such a policy or certificate that names as a beneficiary a person who is or was, or who the insurer has reason to believe is or was, a perpetrator of abuse or domestic abuse against the person who is to be the insured under the policy.

- 3. Refuse to name as a beneficiary under such a policy or certificate a person who is or was, or who the insurer has reason to believe is or was, a perpetrator of abuse or domestic abuse against the insured under the policy.
- 4. Refuse to issue such a policy or certificate to a person who is or was, or who the insurer has reason to believe is or was, a perpetrator of abuse or domestic abuse against the person who is to be the insured under the policy.
- 5. Refuse to issue such a policy or certificate to a person who lacks an insurable interest in the person who is to be the insured under the policy.
- 6. For purposes of underwriting; administering a claim under; or determining a person's eligibility for coverage, a benefit or payment under; such a policy or certificate; or for purposes of servicing such a policy or certificate or an application for such a policy or certificate; inquire about and use information related to a person's medical history or existing medical condition, regardless of whether that condition is or may have been caused by abuse or domestic abuse. Any adverse underwriting decision based on a person's medical history or medical condition must be made in conformity with sound actuarial principles or otherwise supported by actual or reasonably anticipated experience.
- (c) Disability income or long-term care insurance. With respect to an individual or group disability income or long-term care insurance policy or a certificate of group disability income or long-term care insurance, an insurer may, on the basis of information in medical, law enforcement or court records, or on the basis of information provided by the insured, policyholder or applicant for insurance, do any of the following:

- 1. Refuse to name as a beneficiary under such a policy or certificate a person who is or was, or who the insurer has reason to believe is or was, a perpetrator of abuse or domestic abuse against the insured under the policy.
- 2. Refuse to issue such a policy or certificate to a person who is or was, or who the insurer has reason to believe is or was, a perpetrator of abuse or domestic abuse against the person who is to be the insured under the policy.
- 3. Refuse to issue such a policy or certificate to a person who lacks an insurable interest in the person who is to be the insured under the policy.
- 4. For purposes of underwriting; administering a claim under; or determining a person's eligibility for coverage, a benefit or payment under; such a policy or certificate; or for purposes of servicing such a policy or certificate or an application for such a policy or certificate; inquire about and use information related to a person's medical history or existing medical condition, regardless of whether that condition is or may have been caused by abuse or domestic abuse. Any adverse underwriting decision based on a person's medical history or medical condition must be made in conformity with sound actuarial principles or otherwise supported by actual or reasonably anticipated experience.
- (4) Immunity for insurers. An insurer is immune from any civil or criminal liability for any action taken under sub. (3) or for the death of, or injury to, an insured that results from abuse or domestic abuse.
- (5) Use and disclosure of abuse information. (a) Except as provided in pars.
 (c) and (d) and sub. (3), no person employed by or contracting with an insurer may use, disclose or transfer information related to any of the following:
- 1. Whether an insured or applicant for insurance or a member of the insured's or applicant's family, or whether an employe or other group member of an insured

- or applicant for insurance or a member of the employe's or other group member's family, is or has been, or is with reason believed by the person employed by or contracting with the insurer to be or to have been, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse.
- 2. Whether an insured or applicant for insurance, or whether an employe or other group member of an insured or applicant for insurance, is a family member or associate of, or in a relationship with, a person who is or has been, or who the person employed by or contracting with the insurer has reason to believe is or has been, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse.
- 3. Whether an insured or an applicant for insurance employs a person who is or has been, or who the person employed by or contracting with the insurer has reason to believe is or has been, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse.
- (b) Except as provided in pars. (c) and (d), a person employed by or contracting with an insurer may not disclose or transfer information related to the telephone number or address or other location of any of the following individuals, if the person knows that the individual is or has been, or has reason to believe that the individual is or has been, a victim of abuse or domestic abuse:
 - 1. An insured.
 - 2. An applicant for insurance.
 - 3. An employe of an insured or of an applicant for insurance.
 - 4. A group member of an insured or of an applicant for insurance.
 - 5. A member of the family of any of the individuals listed in subds. 1. to 4.
- (c) Paragraphs (a) and (b) do not apply if the use, disclosure or transfer of the information is made with the consent of the individual to whom the information relates or if the use, disclosure or transfer satisfies any of the following:

1	1. Is for a purpose related to the direct provision of health care services.
2	2. Is for a valid business purpose, including the disclosure or transfer of the
3	information to any of the following:
4	a. A reinsurer.
5	b. A party to a proposed or consummated sale, transfer, merger or consolidation
6	of all or part of the business of the insurer.
7	c. Medical, underwriting or claims personnel under contract or affiliated with
8	the insurer.
9	d. An attorney representing the interests of the insurer.
10	e. The policyholder or policyholder's assignee as a result of delivery of the
11	policy.
12	3. Is in response to legal process.
13	4. Is required by a court order or an order of an entity with authority to regulate
14	insurance, or is otherwise required by law.
15	5. Is required or authorized by the commissioner by rule.
16	(d) Nothing in this subsection limits or precludes an insured or an applicant
17	for insurance, or an employe or other group member of an insured or applicant for
18	insurance, from obtaining his or her own insurance records from an insurer.
19	SECTION 10. Initial applicability.
20	(1) This act first applies to all of the following:
21	(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), policies or certificates that are issued
22	renewed or applied for, whichever is appropriate, on the effective date of this
23	paragraph.
24	(b) Policies or certificates covering employes who are affected by a collective
25	bargaining agreement containing provisions inconsistent with this act that are

3

4

5

6

7

8

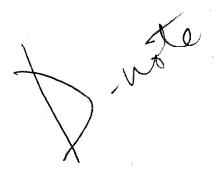
9

- issued, renewed or applied for, whichever is appropriate, on the earlier of the following:
 - 1. The day on which the collective bargaining agreement expires.
 - 2. The day on which the collective bargaining agreement is extended, modified or renewed.

SECTION 11. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 6th month beginning after publication.

(END)



DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

LRB-4019/3dn PJK:wlj:jf

Debbie:

This version of the draft changes "a property insurance policy" on page 7 to "property insurance coverage." According to Ritch Williams, this is the final version.

Pamela J. Kahler Senior Legislative Attorney Phone: (608) 266–2682

E-mail: Pam.Kahler@legis.state.wi.us

DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

LRB-4019/3dn PJK:wlj:jf

January 19, 2000

Debbie:

This version of the draft changes "a property insurance policy" on page 7 to "property insurance coverage." According to Ritch Williams, this is the final version.

Pamela J. Kahler Senior Legislative Attorney Phone: (608) 266–2682

E-mail: Pam.Kahler@legis.state.wi.us

SUBMITTAL FORM

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU Legal Section Telephone: 266-3561 5th Floor, 100 N. Hamilton Street

The attached draft is submitted for your inspection. Please check each part carefully, proofread each word, and sign on the appropriate line(s) below.

Date: 01/19/2000 To: Senator Burke Relating to LRB drafting number: LRB-4019 Topic 1 Insurance policy prohibitions related to persons who have been or may be victims of domestic abuse Subject(s) Insurance - miscellaneous 1. JACKET the draft for introduction BRUNE in the Senate / or the Assembly (check only one). Only the requester under whose name the drafting request is entered in the LRB's drafting records may authorize the draft to be submitted. Please allow one day for the preparation of the required copies. 2. **REDRAFT.** See the changes indicated or attached A revised draft will be submitted for your approval with changes incorporated. 3. Obtain FISCAL ESTIMATE NOW, prior to introduction _ If the analysis indicates that a fiscal estimate is required because the proposal makes an appropriation or increases or decreases existing appropriations or state or general local government fiscal liability or revenues, you have the option to request the fiscal estimate prior to introduction. If you choose to introduce the proposal without the fiscal estimate, the fiscal estimate will be requested automatically upon introduction. It takes about 10 days to obtain a fiscal estimate. Requesting the fiscal estimate prior to introduction retains your flexibility for possible redrafting of the proposal. If you have any questions regarding the above procedures, please call 266-3561. If you have any questions relating to the attached draft, please feel free to call me.

> Pamela J. Kahler, Senior Legislative Attorney Telephone: (608) 266-2682