AN ACT to amend 185.99 (2) (a), 185.99 (5) (title) and 185.99 (6) of the statutes; relating to: health benefit purchasing cooperatives.

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

SECTION 1. 185.99 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
185.99 (2) (a) Notwithstanding s. 185.02, one health benefit purchasing cooperative may be organized under this chapter before January 1, 2008, in each of the 5 geographic areas designated under sub. (6). Notwithstanding s. 185.043, a health benefit purchasing cooperative may be formed by one or more persons.

SECTION 2. 185.99 (5) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:
185.99 (5) (title) ADDITIONAL REQUIRED REPORTS.

SECTION 3. 185.99 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:
185.99 (6) DESIGNATION OF GEOGRAPHIC AREAS. After consultation with the Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives, the commissioner shall designate, by order, the geographic areas of the state in which health benefit purchasing cooperatives may be organized. A geographic area may overlap with one or more other geographic areas.

* Section 991.11, Wisconsin Statutes 2003-04 : Effective date of acts. “Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor’s partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated” by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].