

ASSEMBLY BILL 5 (LRB -0691)

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. (FE)

2005

01-18. A. Introduced by Representatives **Gielow, Davis, Gard, Loeffelholz, Ott, Ainsworth, Albers, Freese, Friske, Gronemus, Gunderson, Hahn, Hines, Hubler, Hundertmark, Jensen, Jeskewitz, Kaufert, Kerkman, Kestell, Krawczyk, LeMahieu, Lothian, McCormick, Meyer, Musser, Nass, Nelson, Nerison, Nischke, Pettis, Stone, Strachota, Towns, Underheim, Van Roy, Vos, Vrakas, Vukmir** and **M. Williams**; cosponsored by Senators **Harsdorf, Darling, Brown, Grothman, Hansen, Jauch, Lassa, Miller and Stepp.**

01-13. A. Read first time and referred to committee on Health 32

01-18. A. Fiscal estimate received.

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01-18. A. Public hearing held.

01-18. A. Executive action taken.

01-20. A. Report passage recommended by committee on Health, Ayes 13, Noes 0 38

01-20. A. Referred to committee on Rules 38

01-25. A. Placed on calendar 1-27-2005 by committee on Rules.

01-27. A. Read a second time 51

01-27. A. Assembly amendment 1 offered by Representative Kreuser (**LRB a0080**) 51

01-27. A. Point of order that Assembly amendment 1 not germane well taken 51

01-27. A. Decision of the Chair appealed 51

01-27. A. Decision of the Chair upheld, Ayes 60, Noes 36 51

01-27. A. Ordered to a third reading 51

01-27. A. Refused to suspend rules to read a third time, Ayes 60, Noes 36 52

01-27. A. Representative Wood added as a coauthor 51

02-15. A. Read a third time and **passed**, Ayes 96, Noes 0 72

02-15. A. Rules suspended to order immediately messaged, Ayes 64, Noes 32 72

02-17. S. Received from Assembly 88

02-17. S. Read first time and referred to committee on Agriculture and Insurance 88

03-30. S. Public hearing held.

04-06. S. Executive action taken.

04-07. S. Report concurrence recommended by committee on Agriculture and Insurance, Ayes 7, Noes 0 153

04-07. S. Available for scheduling.

06-22. S. Rereferred to joint committee on Finance by committee on Senate Organization, pursuant to Senate Rule 41 (1)(e), Ayes 5, Noes 0.

06-22. S. Withdrawn from joint committee on Finance and placed on the calendar of 6-23-2005 by committee on Senate Organization, pursuant to Senate Rule 41 (1)(e), Ayes 5, Noes 0.

06-23. S. Read a second time.

06-23. S. Ordered to a third reading.

06-23. S. Rules suspended.

06-23. S. Read a third time and **concurred in**, Ayes 33, Noes 0.

06-23. S. Senator Roessler added as a cosponsor.

06-23. S. Ordered immediately messaged.

06-23. A. Received from Senate concurred in 330

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January 13, 2005 - Introduced by Representatives GIELOW, DAVIS, GARD, LOEFFELHOLZ, OTT, AINSWORTH, ALBERS, FREESE, FRISKE, GRONEMUS, GUNDERSON, HAHN, HINES, HUBLER, HUNDERTMARK, JENSEN, JESKEWITZ, KAUFERT, KERKMAN, KESTELL, KRAWCZYK, LEMAHIEU, LOTHIAN, MCCORMICK, MEYER, MUSSER, NASS, NELSON, NERISON, NISCHKE, PETTIS, STONE, STRACHOTA, TOWNS, UNDERHEIM, VAN ROY, VOS, VRAKAS, VUKMIR and M. WILLIAMS, cosponsored by Senators HARSDFORF, DARLING, BROWN, GROTHMAN, HANSEN, JAUCH, LASSA, MILLER and STEPP. Referred to Committee on Health.

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2 **relating to:** health benefit purchasing cooperatives.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, before January 1, 2008, one nonstock health benefit purchasing cooperative (cooperative) may be organized in each of five geographic areas of the state that are designated by the Commissioner of Insurance (commissioner) by order. The purpose of the cooperatives is to provide health care benefits to the employees, members, and officers of the members of each cooperative and to their dependents through a three-year contract with an insurer. Each cooperative must submit to the legislature and to the commissioner an annual report on the progress of the health benefit purchasing arrangement and, within a year after the end of the three-year contract term, a report on the significant findings from the project, including the effects on group health care coverage premiums and the number of uninsured in the geographic area of the cooperative.

This bill removes certain limits on the project. Under the bill, the commissioner may designate any number of geographic areas of the state in which cooperatives may be organized, and any number of cooperatives may be organized in each geographic area to provide health care benefits to their employees, members, and officers of the members and to their dependents. In addition, the cooperatives are no longer required to be organized before January 1, 2008. All other features of the project are the same as under current law.

