

WISCONSIN STATE  
LEGISLATURE  
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**2005-06**

(session year)

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(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

**Committee on  
Insurance  
(AC-In)**

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**03/10/2005 Assembly Bill 199**

relating to: the purchase of health care coverage through the Group Insurance Board by individuals who are engaged in the business of farming, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.

By Representatives Towns, Vruwink, Ainsworth, Pettis, Gronemus, M. Williams, Hubler, ~~Musser~~, Kestell, Suder, Owens, Van Roy, Davis, Hines, Hahn, Freese, Pope-Roberts, Bies, Berceau, Gunderson, Kreibich, Wood, Seidel, Lamb, Petrowski, Nerison, Van Akkeren, Ott, Townsend, Albers and Ballweg; cosponsored by Senators Leibham, Decker, A. Lasee, Kapanke, Wirch, Breske, Hansen, Miller, Brown, Taylor, Zien and Lassa.

***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, the Group Insurance Board, attached to the Department of Employee Trust Funds (DETF), is required to contract on behalf of the state for the purpose of providing health care coverage to state employees. Many other public sector employers may also participate in programs offered by the Group Insurance Board to provide health care coverage for their employees.

This bill provides that, beginning on January 1, 2006, any individual in this state who is a resident of this state and who is engaged in the business of farming, including any individual who is employed by a farm business, may elect to receive coverage under any health care coverage plan offered to state employees by paying to DETF the full cost of the required premiums. The bill also specifies several conditions that any individual seeking health care coverage under the state plan must meet and authorizes DETF to establish by rule preexisting condition exclusions for individuals who elect to receive coverage under the state plan.

3/29/05 Towns Asked for committee  
meeting - said \$ would be resolved

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2003

AB313

ASSEMBLY BILL 313

An Act to amend 40.51 (1); and to create 20.515 (1) (g) and 40.515 of the statutes; relating to: the purchase of health care coverage by individuals who are engaged in the business of farming through the Group Insurance Board, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation. (FE)

2003

05-08-03. A. Introduced by Representatives Towns, Vruwink, Ott, Pettis, M. Lehman, Suder, Bies, Staskunas, Musser, Hahn, Weber, Kreibich, Berceau, LeMahieu, Ainsworth, Ladwig, J. Wood, Hines, Kestell, Owens, Gunderson, Plouff, Olsen, McCormick, Balow, Gronemus, Freese, Shilling, Hundertmark, Schneider, Van Akkeren, Johnsrud and Petrowski; cosponsored by Senators Leibham, M. Meyer, Roessler, Decker, Wirch, Brown and Hansen.

05-08-03. A. Read first time and referred to committee on Insurance. . . . . 200

05-08-03. A. Fiscal estimate received.

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07-17-03. A. Public hearing held.

2004

03-31-04. A. Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1. . . . . 912

Companion SB 202

2003

SB202

SENATE BILL 202

An Act to amend 40.51 (1); and to create 20.515 (1) (g) and 40.515 of the statutes; relating to: the purchase of health care coverage by individuals who are engaged in the business of farming through the Group Insurance Board, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation. (FE)

2003

06-20-03. S. Introduced by Senators Leibham, M. Meyer, Decker, Roessler, Wirch, Brown, Breske and Hansen; cosponsored by Representatives Towns, Vruwink, LeMahieu, Ladwig, Pettis, M. Lehman, Suder, Bies, Staskunas, Musser, Hahn, Weber, Kreibich, Berceau, Ainsworth, Ott, J. Wood, Hines, Kestell, Owens, Gunderson, Gronemus, Balow, McCormick, Olsen, Plouff, Freese, Shilling, Hundertmark, Schneider, Van Akkeren, Johnsrud and Petrowski.

06-20-03. S. Read first time and referred to committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance. . . . . 245

07-07-03. S. Fiscal estimate received.

07-29-03. S. Public hearing held.

07-29-03. S. Executive action taken.

07-30-03. S. Report passage recommended by committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance, Ayes 5, Noes 0. . . . . 276

07-30-03. S. Available for scheduling.

10-06-03. S. Fiscal estimate received.

10-16-03. S. Placed on calendar 10-22-2003 by committee on Senate Organization.

10-22-03. S. Read a second time. . . . . 429

10-22-03. S. Referred to joint committee on Finance. . . . . 429

2004

03-31-04. S. Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1. . . . . 749

AB313

**Assembly**

2003

**Record of Committee Proceedings**

**Committee on Insurance**

**Assembly Bill 313**

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May 08, 2003            Referred to Committee on Insurance.

July 17, 2003            **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (13)    Representatives Ladwig, Underheim, F. Lasee, McCormick, Weber, Gielow, Van Roy, Cullen, Shilling, Huber, Plouff, J. Lehman and Berceau.  
Absent:    (1)    Representative Wieckert.

Appearances For

- Representative Debi Towns, State Assembly, Madison
  - Representative Amy Sue Vruwink, State Assembly, Madison
  - Sue Beitlich, Wisconsin Farmers Union, Stoddard
  - Sabrina Gentile, WI Farm Bureau, P.O. Box 5550, Madison, WI
- Wayne Steingraber, WI Farm Bureau, Manawa  
Edith Lauscher, WI Farm Bureau, Kewaunee  
Don Hamm, NFO, Prairie du Sac  
Roger Williams, UW Madison/Harvest of Home, WI Farm Health Task Group,  
Cottage Grove  
Kay Olson, WI Farm Bureau, Friendship

Appearances Against

Pam Henning, Dept. of Employee Trust Funds, Madison  
Tom Korpady, Dept. of Employee Trust Funds, Madison

Appearances for Information Only

None.

Registrations For

Senator Joe Leibham, State Senate, Sheboygan  
Kelly Soczka, WI Farm Bureau, Madison  
Lori Steingraber, WI Farm Bureau, Manawa  
John Manske, WI Federation of Coops, Madison  
Richard Keller, self, Mt. Horeb

Registrations Against

Dan Schwartzter, Wisconsin Association of Provider Networks, Madison  
Dan Schwartzter, WI Association of Health Underwriters, Madison

August 14, 2003

**PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (11) Representatives Ladwig, Wieckert, Underheim, F. Lasee, Gielow,  
Van Roy, Cullen, Shilling, Huber, Plouff and Berceau.  
Absent: (3) Representatives McCormick, Weber and J. Lehman.

Appearances For

None.

Appearances Against

None.

Appearances for Information Only

None.

Registrations For

None.

Registrations Against

None.

March 11, 2004

Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Janine Hale  
Committee Clerk

**Senate**  
**Record of Committee Proceedings**

**Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance**

**Senate Bill 202**

Relating to: the purchase of health care coverage by individuals who are engaged in the business of farming through the Group Insurance Board, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.

By Senators Leibham, M. Meyer, Decker, Roessler, Wirsch, Brown, Breske and Hansen; cosponsored by Representatives Towns, Vruwink, LeMahieu, Ladwig, Pettis, M. Lehman, Suder, Bies, Staskunas, Musser, Hahn, Weber, Kreibich, Berceau, Ainsworth, Ott, J. Wood, Hines, Kestell, Owens, Gunderson, Gronemus, Balow, McCormick, Olsen, Plouff, Freese, Shilling, Hundertmark, Schneider, Van Akkeren, Johnsrud and Petrowski.

June 20, 2003            Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance.

July 29, 2003            **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (5)    Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Hansen and Lassa.  
Absent:    (0)    None.

Appearances For

- Sen. Joe Leibham, Madison
- Sabrina Gentile, WI Farm Bureau, Madison
- Edith Lauscher, Kewaunee
- Wayne Steingraber, Manawa
- Darin Von Ruden, WI Farmers Union, Westby
- Ron Statz, National Farmers Organization, Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Appearances Against

- Vicki Poole, WI Employee Trust Funds, Madison
- Bill Kox, WI Employee Trust Funds

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Rep. Debi Towns, Madison
- Rep Amy Sue Vruwink, Madison
- Bill Oemichen, WI Federation of Cooperatives, Madison
- John Manske, WI Federation of Cooperatives, Madison
- Wayne Corey, WI Independant Businesses, Madison

- Lori Steingraber, Manawa

Registrations Against

- None.

July 29, 2003

**EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Hansen and Lassa.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Kedzie, seconded by Senator Hansen that **Senate Bill 202** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (5) Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Hansen and Lassa.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

John O'Brien  
Committee Clerk



SB202

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**Record of Committee Proceedings**

**Joint committee on Finance**

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October 22, 2003      Referred to Joint committee on Finance.

March 11, 2004      Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Diane Harmelink  
Committee Clerk

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