DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

May 15, 2007

To Representative Townsend:

In amending s. 253.12 (5) (c), I did not use the term "birthing hospitals" as proposed, since that term is not used elsewhere in the statutes; instead, I referred to "hospitals in which deliveries are performed." Okay?

Note that the language created under this substitute amendment in s. 253.12 (5) (b) 5m. changes somewhat the meaning of similar language that, in Assembly Substitute Amendment 1, amended s. 253.12 (3) (a) 1. c., stats. The previous language prohibited insurers from using material obtained from DHFS to limit or deny health care coverage or (under Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1) a policy of life insurance. The new language requires that the researcher agree that this will not happen, but places no actual prohibition on insurers.

Please let me know if I may provide you with any further assistance with respect to this substitute amendment.

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