2017 SENATE BILL 342

July 13, 2017 – Introduced by Senator CARPENTER, cosponsored by Representatives ANDERSON and CROWLEY. Referred to Committee on Insurance, Housing and Trade.

1 AN ACT to create 40.02 (54w), 40.03 (6) (m) and 40.51 (17) of the statutes;
2 relating to: health care coverage for certain state elected and appointed
3 officials under plans administered by the Group Insurance Board.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Group Insurance Board to design a separate health care coverage plan for certain state officials who receive health care coverage under plans administered by GIB. These officials are the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, state senators, state representatives to the assembly, and a person who is appointed by the governor to a position in the executive branch who is the head of a state agency and whose appointment requires confirmation by the senate. The bill specifies that the benefits and coverage offered under the new plan may not exceed the minimum benefits or least amount of coverage of a plan that would be allowable under the federal American Health Care Act of 2017, the 115th Congress (H.R. 1628). Under the bill, state officials who are covered under GIB plans must be covered under this new health care coverage plan.

For further information see the state 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.** 40.02 (54w) of the statutes is created to read:

40.02 (54w) “State official” means the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, state senators, state representatives to the assembly, and a person who is appointed by the governor to a position in the executive branch who is the head of a state agency and whose appointment requires confirmation by the senate.

**SECTION 2.** 40.03 (6) (m) of the statutes is created to read:

40.03 (6) (m) Shall design a health care coverage plan for state officials who receive health care coverage under subch. IV. The benefits and coverage offered under the plan may not exceed the minimum benefits or least amount of coverage of a health care coverage plan that would be allowable under the federal American Health Care Act of 2017, the 115th Congress (H.R. 1628). The plan shall be available to state officials who elect coverage under s. 40.51 (6) or 40.52 (1).

**SECTION 3.** 40.51 (17) of the statutes is created to read:

40.51 (17) State officials who receive health care coverage under this subchapter must receive health care coverage under the plan designed by the group insurance board under s. 40.03 (6) (m).

**SECTION 4. Initial applicability.**

(1) This act first applies to health care coverage plans offered by the group insurance board on January 1, 2019.