



State of Wisconsin  
2001 - 2002 LEGISLATURE

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**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 57,  
TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO 2001 SENATE BILL 55**

June 29, 2001 – Offered by Representatives LASSA and MILLER.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment as follows:

2 **1.** Page 258, line 3: increase the dollar amount for fiscal year 2001-02 by  
3 \$264,800 to increase the authorized FTE positions for the department of employee  
4 trust funds by 3.5 GPR positions to perform services relating to the purpose for which  
5 the appropriation is made.

6 **2.** Page 258, line 4: after that line insert:

7 “(c) Payment of certain costs GPR B 1,000,000 -0-”.

8 **3.** Page 401, line 11: after that line insert:

9 “**SECTION 910s.** 20.515 (2) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

10 20.515 (2) (c) *Payment of certain costs.* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule  
11 for the payment of legal and actuarial services and for the marketing and promotion  
12 of the private employer health care coverage program under subch. X of ch. 40. No

1 moneys may be expended from this appropriation until the condition under s. 40.98  
2 (2) (h) 1. is satisfied.

3 **SECTION 910u.** 20.515 (2) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 20.515 (2) (g) *Private employer health care coverage plan.* All moneys received  
5 under subch. X of ch. 40 from employers who elect to participate in the private  
6 employer health care coverage program under subch. X of ch. 40, for the costs of  
7 designing, marketing and contracting for or providing administrative services for  
8 the program and for lapsing money to the general fund as required under s. 40.98 (2)  
9 (h) 2.”.

10 **4.** Page 535, line 6: after that line insert:

11 “**SECTION 1400b.** 40.98 (2) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

12 40.98 (2) (a) 3. ~~The administrator selected under subd. 2., or the department~~  
13 ~~if no administrator has been selected under subd. 2.,~~ shall enter into contracts with  
14 insurers who are to provide health care coverage under the health care coverage  
15 program.

16 **SECTION 1400d.** 40.98 (2) (a) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

17 40.98 (2) (a) 4. The department or the administrator selected under subd. 2.  
18 shall solicit and accept bids and shall enter into a contract for marketing the health  
19 care coverage program.

20 **SECTION 1400f.** 40.98 (2) (a) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

21 40.98 (2) (a) 5. The department or the administrator selected under subd. 2.  
22 shall maintain a toll-free telephone number to provide information on the health  
23 care coverage program.

24 **SECTION 1400h.** 40.98 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           40.98 (2) (d) All insurance rates for health care coverage under the program  
2 shall be ~~published annually in a single publication that is made available to~~  
3 employers and employees in a manner determined by the board. The rates may be  
4 listed by county or by any other regional factor that the board considers appropriate.  
5 Annually, the board shall submit a report to the appropriate standing committees  
6 under s. 13.172 (3) specifying the average insurance rate for health care coverage  
7 under the program by county or by any other regional factor the board considers  
8 appropriate.

9           **SECTION 1400i.** 40.98 (2) (h) of the statutes is created to read:

10           40.98 (2) (h) 1. Before expending any moneys from the appropriation under s.  
11 20.515 (2) (c), the department shall seek funding from the federal government,  
12 non-governmental organizations, and individuals for the payment of legal and  
13 actuarial services and for the marketing and promotion of the health care coverage  
14 program.

15           2. If the department expends any money from the appropriation under s. 20.515  
16 (2) (c), the department shall lapse from the appropriation under s. 20.515 (2) (g) to  
17 the general fund an amount equal to the amount expended from the appropriation  
18 under s. 20.515 (2) (c). The department shall make this lapse no later than June 30,  
19 2007.

20           **SECTION 1400j.** 40.98 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

21           40.98 (3) (a) Offer health care coverage under one or more plans to all of its  
22 permanent employees who have a normal work week of 30 or more hours and, if  
23 permitted by any plan offered by an insurer under the health care coverage program,  
24 may offer health care coverage under ~~one or more plans~~ such a plan to any of its other  
25 employees.

1           **SECTION 1400L.** 40.98 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           40.98 (3) (c) Pay for each employee at least 50% ~~but not more than 100%~~ of the  
3 ~~lowest premium rate that would be~~ of the lowest premium rate for single coverage  
4 that is available to the employer for that employee's coverage under the health care  
5 coverage program.

6           **SECTION 1400n.** 40.98 (6) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

7           40.98 (6) (b) An insurance agent may not sell any health care coverage under  
8 the health care coverage program on behalf of an insurer unless he or she is ~~employed~~  
9 ~~by the insurer or has a contract with the insurer to sell the health care coverage on~~  
10 ~~behalf of~~ listed by the insurer under s. 628.11.

11           **SECTION 1400p.** 40.98 (6) (d) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

12           40.98 (6) (d) The board may establish training and certification requirements  
13 that an insurance agent must satisfy, in addition to any requirements under s. 628.04  
14 (3), to sell health care coverage under the health care coverage program.”.

15           **5.** Page 1181, line 12: after that line insert:

16           “**SECTION 3766m.** 635.02 (4m) of the statutes is repealed.

17           **SECTION 3766p.** 635.05 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

18           635.05 (1) Establishing restrictions on premium rates that a small employer  
19 insurer may charge a small employer such that the premium rates charged to small  
20 employers with similar case characteristics for the same or similar benefit design  
21 characteristics ~~do not vary from the midpoint rate for those small employers by more~~  
22 ~~than 35% of that midpoint rate~~ are the same.”.

23           **6.** Page 1399, line 25: after that line insert:

1               “(2g) SMALL EMPLOYER INSURANCE PREMIUM RATES. The treatment of sections  
2          635.02 (4m) and 635.05 (1) of the statutes first applies to health insurance policies  
3          or plans that are issued or renewed on January 1, 2002.”.

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