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**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1,
TO 2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 812**

February 22, 2006 – Offered by COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

2 **1.** Page 1, line 2: after “plan” insert “and reports by the Commissioner of
3 Insurance on the effect of changing the definition”.

4 **2.** Page 2, line 1: before that line insert:

5 “**SECTION 1c.** 601.428 of the statutes is created to read:

6 **601.428 Definition of group health benefit plan reports.** (1) Annually,
7 beginning in 2007, the commissioner shall prepare, and provide to the standing
8 committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over insurance and health matters
9 under s. 13.172 (3), a report that assesses the effect on the commercial insurance
10 market of the changes to the definitions of “group health benefit plan” and “small
11 employer insurer” made by 2005 Wisconsin Act (this act). The commissioner shall
12 measure and include in the report changes that may be attributable to 2005
13 Wisconsin Act (this act) to the following populations in the state:

1 (a) Individuals without health insurance coverage.

2 (b) Individuals with coverage under Medical Assistance.

3 (c) Individuals with small group health insurance coverage.

4 (d) Individuals with individual health insurance coverage.

5 (e) Individuals with coverage under the Health Insurance Risk-Sharing Plan.

6 **(2)** Annually, beginning in 2007, the commissioner shall request information
7 from the Health Insurance Risk-Sharing Plan Authority on the number of
8 applicants for coverage under the Health Insurance Risk-Sharing Plan who are
9 employees of small employers that no longer offer group health benefits but offer, or
10 facilitate the sale of, individual health insurance policies to employees. The
11 commissioner shall include the information obtained under this subsection in the
12 reports under sub. (1).

13 **(3)** To assist the commissioner in determining the effect, if any, of the definition
14 changes made by 2005 Wisconsin Act (this act), the commissioner shall establish
15 benchmarks with respect to changes in the populations specified under sub. (1) (a)
16 to (e) by assessing the status of those populations over the 3-year period preceding
17 the beginning of the period covered by the first report prepared and submitted under
18 sub. (1). The assessment shall include such parameters as population size and
19 demographic statistics and shall identify changes in those parameters over the
20 3-year period. The commissioner shall prepare a report of the assessment and
21 submit the report under s. 13.172 (3) to the standing committees specified in sub. (1)
22 along with the first report submitted under sub. (1).”.

23 **3.** Page 2, line 1: delete “**SECTION 1**” and substitute “**SECTION 1m**”.

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