



2009 SENATE BILL 74

February 18, 2009 - Introduced by Senators VINEHOUT, ERPENBACH, ROBSON, LEHMAN, CARPENTER, WIRCH, TAYLOR, COGGS, HANSEN and MILLER, cosponsored by Representatives BERNARD SCHABER, HRAYCHUCK and BERCEAU. Referred to Committee on Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief, and Revenue.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 149.12 (1) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** health insurance
2 coverage denials for eligibility under the Health Insurance Risk-Sharing Plan.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The Health Insurance Risk-Sharing Plan (HIRSP) under current law provides health insurance coverage for persons who are covered under Medicare because they are disabled, persons who have tested positive for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), persons who have been refused coverage, or coverage at an affordable price, in the private health insurance market because of their mental or physical health condition, and persons who do not currently have health insurance coverage but who were covered under certain types of health insurance coverage (creditable coverage) for at least 18 months in the past. Persons who are eligible for coverage under HIRSP on the basis of being denied coverage by a private insurer must have been denied coverage by two or more insurers. This bill changes that criterion for eligibility to a denial of coverage by one or more insurers.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 149.12 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 149.12 (1) (a) A notice of rejection of coverage from ~~2~~ one or more insurers.
5 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

