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To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 1221

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-63-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH BENEFIT
3 PLANS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 SECTION 1. Section 83-63-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 83-63-1. (1) This chapter shall apply to any health benefit
8 plan that provides coverage to the employees of a small employer
9 in this state if any of the following conditions are met:

10 (a) Any portion of the premium or benefits is paid by
11 or on behalf of the small employer;

12 (b) An eligible employee or dependent is reimbursed,
13 whether through wage adjustments or otherwise, by or on behalf of
14 the small employer for any portion of the premium; or

15 (c) The health benefit plan is treated by the employer
16 or any of the eligible employees or dependents as part of a plan
17 or program for the purposes of Section 162 * * * or Section 106 of
18 the United States Internal Revenue Code.

19 (2) This chapter shall not apply to an employer whose only
20 role is collecting through payroll deduction the premiums of
21 individual policies on behalf of employees.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
23 and after July 1, 2000.