

INSURANCE AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ABORTION

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Carl Wimmer

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions of the Insurance Code to prohibit a person from offering a health benefit plan in a health insurance exchange that is created, owned, or sponsored by a government entity if the health benefit plan provides coverage for an abortion other than an abortion necessary to protect the life or health of a woman.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▸ prohibits a person from offering a health benefit plan in a health insurance exchange that is created, owned, or sponsored by a government entity, including a health insurance exchange created under Title 63M, Chapter 1, Part 25, Health System Reform Act, or pursuant to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, 111 P.L. 148, if the health benefit plan provides coverage for an abortion, unless the abortion is necessary to avert:

- the death of the woman on whom the abortion is performed; or
- a serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function of the woman on whom the abortion is performed.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None



28 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

29 ENACTS:

30 **31A-22-726**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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32 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

33 Section 1. Section **31A-22-726** is enacted to read:

34 **31A-22-726. Abortion coverage restriction on health insurance exchange.**

35 A person may not offer in a health insurance exchange, including a health insurance
36 exchange created under Title 63M, Chapter 1, Part 25, Health System Reform Act, or pursuant
37 to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, 111 P.L. 148, a health benefit plan in
38 this state that provides coverage for an abortion, except for an abortion that is necessary to
39 avert:

40 (1) the death of the woman on whom the abortion is performed; or

41 (2) a serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function
42 of the woman on whom the abortion is performed.

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STATE GOVERNMENT (UCA 36-12-13(2)(b))

Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (UCA 36-12-13(2)(c))

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs for local governments.

DIRECT EXPENDITURES BY UTAH RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES (UCA 36-12-13(2)(d))

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable expenditures by Utah residents or businesses.

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