

1 **HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES - PILOT**
2 **PROGRAM**

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6 **This act relates to Health Insurance. The act modifies the Insurance Code to create a pilot**
7 **program which requires accident and health insurance plans offered on a group basis to**
8 **state employees to adopt health insurance mandates proposed for other accident and health**
9 **insurance plans for one year and to report the cost and benefits of the mandate to the**
10 **commissioner of insurance. The act delays the effective date of new insurance mandates for**
11 **other plans until after the one-year pilot program with the state employee group plan. The**
12 **act takes effect on July 1, 2002.**

13 This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

14 ENACTS:

15 **31A-22-605.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

16 **49-8-406**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

18 Section 1. Section **31A-22-605.5** is enacted to read:

19 **31A-22-605.5. Policy Insurance Mandates Pilot Program.**

20 **(1) For purposes of this section "insurance mandate" means a mandatory obligation with**
21 **respect to coverage, benefits, or providers imposed on policies of accident and health insurance.**

22 **(2) Any law imposed under this title that becomes effective after January 1, 2002, which**
23 **provides for an insurance mandate does not apply to policies of accident and health insurance**
24 **under this title until after the completion of the one-year pilot program required in Subsections (3)**
25 **and (4) of this section.**

26 **(3) Any policy of accident and health insurance offered on a group basis under Title 49,**
27 **Chapter 8, Group Insurance Act, must comply, for a period of one year, with the provisions of all**



28 insurance mandates which are imposed:

29 (a) on policies of accident and health insurance under this title; and

30 (b) by any law under this title that becomes effective after January 1, 2002.

31 (4) During the one-year pilot program in which the mandatory obligation is imposed under

32 Subsection (3), the accident and health insurer regulated under Title 49, Chapter 8, Group

33 Insurance Act, shall:

34 (a) determine the costs and benefits of the particular mandatory obligation; and

35 (b) report the cost and benefit to the commissioner at the conclusion of the one-year pilot

36 program.

37 Section 2. Section **49-8-406** is enacted to read:

38 **49-8-406. Insurance mandate pilot program.**

39 A policy of accident and health insurance offered on a group basis under this chapter shall

40 comply with the provisions of Section 31A-22-605.5.

41 Section 3. **Effective date.**

42 This act takes effect on July 1, 2002.

Legislative Review Note

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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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