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HOUSE BILL No. 1050

DIGEST OF HB 1050 (Updated January 24, 2012 9:06 am - DI 97)

Citations Affected: IC 27-1.

Synopsis: Health care sharing ministries. Specifies requirements for a health care sharing ministry. Exempts a health care sharing ministry from requirements of the insurance law.

Effective: July 1, 2012.

Koch, Noe, Welch

January 9, 2012, read first time and referred to Committee on Insurance.
January 25, 2012, reported — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 27-1-2.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2012]:
4 **Chapter 2.1. Health Care Sharing Ministries**
5 **Sec. 1. (a) As used in this chapter, "health care sharing**
6 **ministry" means a nonprofit organization that:**
7 **(1) is comprised only of participants who share similar and**
8 **sincerely held religious beliefs;**
9 **(2) is tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal**
10 **Revenue Code;**
11 **(3) acts as a facilitator among participants who have financial**
12 **or medical needs that are qualified in accordance with the**
13 **organization's criteria, matching those participants with other**
14 **participants who have the present ability to assist with**
15 **financial or medical needs;**
16 **(4) provides for the financial or medical needs of a participant**
17 **through contributions from one (1) participant to another**

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1 participant;
 2 (5) provides information about amounts that participants,
 3 with no assumption of risk or promise to pay, may contribute
 4 for distribution:
 5 (A) among the participants; or
 6 (B) by the organization to participants;
 7 (6) provides a written monthly statement to all participants
 8 that specifies:
 9 (A) the total dollar amount of qualified needs submitted to
 10 the organization; and
 11 (B) the amount actually published or assigned to
 12 participants for their contribution; and
 13 (7) includes the following statement, in writing, on or
 14 accompanying all applications and guideline materials:
 15 "Notice: The organization facilitating the sharing of
 16 medical expenses is not an insurance company, and neither
 17 its guidelines nor its plan of operation is an insurance
 18 policy. Any assistance you receive with your medical bills
 19 will be totally voluntary. Neither the organization nor any
 20 other participant can be compelled by law to contribute
 21 toward your medical bills. As such, participation in the
 22 organization or a subscription to any of its documents
 23 should never be considered to be insurance. Whether or
 24 not you receive any payments for medical expenses and
 25 whether or not this organization continues to operate, you
 26 are always personally responsible for the payment of your
 27 own medical bills."
 28 (b) The term does not include a fraternal benefit society
 29 described in IC 27-11-1-1.
 30 Sec. 2. A health care sharing ministry is not considered to be
 31 engaged in the business of insurance under this title or any other
 32 provision of Indiana law.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Insurance, to which was referred House Bill 1050, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

LEHMAN, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 8, nays 1.

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