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**House File 426**  
By KNOWLES.

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Vote: Ayes..... Nays..... Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....  
Approved.....

## A BILL FOR

An Act authorizing insurance companies to join together to offer health and accident insurance to senior citizens.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 Section 1. Any insurance company authorized to do the business  
2 of health insurance in this state may join with one or more  
3 other such insurance companies to offer to any resident of this  
4 state who is sixty-five years of age or older and to the spouse  
5 of such resident, insurance against major financial loss from acci-  
6 dent or disease. Such insurance may be offered by such companies  
7 in their own names or in the name of a voluntary unincorporated  
8 association or other organization formed by such companies solely  
9 for the purpose of this Act. The forms of applications, certifi-  
10 cates and policies of such insurance and the applicable premium  
11 rates shall be filed with the insurance commissioner, who may  
12 require additional pertinent information.

1 Sec. 2. A financial summary concerning any insurance written  
2 under the authority of this Act shall be furnished annually to the  
3 insurance commissioner in such form as he may prescribe. If the  
4 insurance commissioner finds that any forms for such insurance  
5 are not in the public interest or that the premium rates charged  
6 are by reasonable assumptions excessive in relation to the  
7 benefits provided, he may disapprove such forms or premium rates  
8 after notice of at least twenty days and hearing.

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 426

This bill permits insurance companies to issue joint coverage for health and accidents to elderly persons. The Kerr-Mills bill and the enabling act passed by the Iowa legislature allow administration of medical aid to the aged through such plans. It is felt that purchasing insurance for impoverished elderly would help to preserve their self-esteem and maintain the free enterprise system.

This bill is desired so that if a group of insurance companies wanted to band together, as they have done in Connecticut, to establish such a plan a future legislature could use this method of administering the Kerr-Mills.