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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring development of a uniform application form for  
2 small employer group health insurance coverage.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. UNIFORM APPLICATION FOR SMALL EMPLOYER GROUP  
2 HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE -- RECOMMENDATIONS -- REPORT.

3 1. The commissioner of insurance shall work with small  
4 employer carriers to develop a uniform application form to  
5 assist employers in applying for health insurance coverage  
6 offered by such carriers.

7 2. The commissioner shall report recommendations to the  
8 general assembly by December 31, 2006, for development of a  
9 uniform application form to be implemented for use by all  
10 small employer carriers by December 31, 2007.

11 3. For the purposes of this section, a "small employer  
12 carrier" is a carrier as defined in section 513B.2 that offers  
13 health benefit plans covering the employees of a small  
14 employer as defined in section 513B.2.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill requires the commissioner of insurance to work  
17 with entities providing health insurance coverage to small  
18 employers to develop a uniform application form to be utilized  
19 by all small employer carriers.

20 The commissioner is required to report recommendations for  
21 development of the uniform application form to the general  
22 assembly by December 31, 2006, to be implemented for use by  
23 all small employer carriers by December 31, 2007.

24 For the purposes of the bill, a "small employer carrier" is  
25 a carrier as defined in Code section 513B.2 which offers  
26 health benefit plans covering the employees of a small  
27 employer as defined in Code section 513B.2 that employs two to  
28 50 employees.

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring development of a simplified application process  
2 and uniform application for small employer group health  
3 insurance coverage.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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2 HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE -- RECOMMENDATIONS -- REPORT.

3 1. The commissioner of insurance shall work with small  
4 employer carriers to develop a simplified application process  
5 to assist employers in applying for health insurance coverage  
6 offered by such carriers. The process shall include a uniform  
7 application form to be utilized by all small employer  
8 carriers.

9 2. The commissioner shall report recommendations to the  
10 general assembly by December 31, 2006, for development of a  
11 simplified application process and uniform application form to  
12 be implemented for use by all small employer carriers by July  
13 1, 2007.

14 3. For the purposes of this section, a "small employer  
15 carrier" is a carrier as defined in section 513B.2 that offers  
16 health benefit plans covering the employees of a small  
17 employer as defined in section 513B.2.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill requires the commissioner of insurance to work  
20 with entities providing health insurance coverage to small  
21 employers to develop a simplified application process for such  
22 insurance. The system is required to include a uniform  
23 application form to be utilized by all small employer  
24 carriers.

25 The commissioner is required to report recommendations for  
26 development of the simplified application process and uniform  
27 application form to the general assembly by December 31, 2006,  
28 to be implemented for use by all small employer carriers by  
29 July 1, 2007.

30 For the purposes of the bill, a "small employer carrier" is  
31 a carrier as defined in Code section 513B.2 which offers  
32 health benefit plans covering the employees of a small  
33 employer as defined in Code section 513B.2 that employs two to  
34 50 employees.

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AN ACT

REQUIRING DEVELOPMENT OF A UNIFORM APPLICATION FORM FOR SMALL EMPLOYER GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1. The commissioner of insurance shall work with small employer carriers to develop a uniform application form to assist employers in applying for health insurance coverage offered by such carriers.

2. The commissioner shall report recommendations to the general assembly by December 31, 2006, for development of a uniform application form to be implemented for use by all small employer carriers by December 31, 2007.

3. For the purposes of this section, a "small employer carrier" is a carrier as defined in section 513B.2 that offers

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JEFFREY M. LAMBERTI  
President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2344, Eighty-first General Assembly.

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Secretary of the Senate

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

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