

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0024

Limitation on use of genetic information.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Tipton and Meuli

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to group health insurance; limiting the use
2 of genetic testing results by group insurers as specified;
3 and providing for an effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 26-19-107 by creating a new
8 subsection (m) and 26-19-306 by creating a new subsection
9 (j) are amended to read:

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11 **26-19-107. Group disability and blanket insurance**
12 **standard provisions; exceptions.**

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14 (m) In addition to the prohibitions on the use of
15 genetic information provided in paragraph (g)(vi) of this
16 section, an insurer offering a policy of group or blanket
17 disability insurance shall not, based on the genetic

1 testing information of an individual or a family member of
2 an individual:

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4 (i) Deny eligibility;

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6 (ii) Adjust premium rates;

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8 (iii) Adjust contribution rates;

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10 (iv) Request or require predictive genetic
11 testing information concerning an individual or a family
12 member of the individual, except the insurer may request,
13 but not require, predictive genetic testing information if
14 needed for diagnosis, treatment or payment. As part of a
15 request under this paragraph, the plan or issuer shall
16 provide a description of the procedures in place to
17 safeguard confidentiality of the information.

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19 **26-19-306. Availability of coverage.**

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21 (j) In addition to the prohibition on the use of
22 genetic testing information provided in paragraph (c)(i) of
23 this section, all health benefit plans covering small
24 employers shall not, based on the genetic testing

1 information of an individual or a family member of an
2 individual:

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4 (i) Establish rules of eligibility to enroll in
5 the plan;

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7 (ii) Deny eligibility;

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9 (iii) Adjust premium rates;

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11 (iv) Adjust contribution rates;

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13 (v) Request or require predictive genetic
14 testing information concerning an individual or a family
15 member of the individual, except the health benefit plan
16 may only request, but not require, predictive genetic
17 testing information if needed for diagnosis, treatment or
18 payment. As part of a request under this paragraph, the
19 plan or issuer shall provide a description of the
20 procedures in place to safeguard confidentiality of the
21 information.

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2003

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