

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 information of an individual or a family member of an
2 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 information concerning an individual or a family member of
12 the individual, except the insurer may request, but not
13 require, predictive genetic information if needed for
14 diagnosis, treatment or payment. As part of a request under
15 this paragraph, the plan or issuer shall provide a
16 description of the procedures in place to safeguard
17 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 information provided in paragraph (c)(i) of this
23 section, all health benefit plans covering small employers

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

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

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24 (END)