

SENATE FILE NO. SF0143

Adverse selection reduction-small group health insurance.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Scott, Barrasso, Boggs and Massie
and Representative(s) Osborn

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to small employer health insurance
2 availability; modifying index rate variations within a
3 business class as specified; and providing for an effective
4 date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 26-19-302(a)(xiv) and
9 26-19-304(a)(ii) are amended to read:

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11 **26-19-302. Definitions.**

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13 (a) As used in this act:

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15 (xiv) "Index rate" means, for each class of
16 business as to a rating period for small employers with

1 similar case characteristics, the ~~arithmetic average of the~~
2 ~~applicable base premium rate and the corresponding highest~~
3 ~~premium~~ rate set by the insurer for each class of business;

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5 **26-19-304. Restrictions relating to premium rates.**

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7 (a) Premium rates for health benefit plans subject to
8 this act shall be subject to the following provisions:

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10 (ii) For a class of business, the premium rates
11 charged during a rating period to small employers with
12 similar case characteristics for the same or similar
13 coverage, or the rates which could be charged to such
14 employers under the rating system for that class of
15 business shall not ~~vary from~~ exceed the index rate by more
16 than twenty-five percent (25%) ~~of~~ and shall not be lower
17 than the index rate by more than forty percent (40%);

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

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21 (END)