2 <u>SSB 5587</u> - S AMD - 135 By Senators Benton and Roach 4 NOT ADOPTED 3/11/99 5 On page 9, after line 14, insert the following:

6 "<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 7. Each health plan offered by a carrier must 7 provide a point-of-service option that allows an enrollee to choose to 8 receive services from a nonparticipating health care provider or 9 facility. Enrollees must pay the full additional cost for choosing 10 this option. Nothing in this section shall prevent a health care 11 carrier from utilizing other managed care or cost containment 12 techniques and processes."

13 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any 14 internal references accordingly.

<u>EFFECT:</u> Requires health plans to offer a "point-of-service option" with the additional cost to be paid for by the enrollee.

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