

ANALYSIS OF HOUSE BILL 3000

Clarifying that individuals purchasing health plans through associations are not considered small employers.

SPONSORS: Representatives Parlette and Linville.

BACKGROUND: Employers who purchase health care plans through an association or other member-governed group are not considered a small employer and are not required to offer a health benefit plan identical to the basic health plan, or comply with other requirements related to health benefit plans. Currently, individuals are not authorized to purchase health care plans through an association or other member-governed group.

SUMMARY: Individuals are authorized to purchase health care plans through associations or other member-governed groups.