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SENATE BILL

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Sonnenberg,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

Senate Committees

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING AN EXPANSION OF THE ABILITY OF AN EXISTING**
102 **ASSOCIATION CONSISTING OF MULTIPLE EMPLOYERS TO OFFER**
103 **HEALTH CARE BENEFITS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Current law allows an existing association consisting of multiple employers, referred to as a "multiple employer welfare arrangement" (MEWA) to offer health care benefits to the association's members only if, among other requirements, the MEWA has been in existence continuously since at least January 1, 1983. The bill changes that date to

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

January 1, 2010.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-3-903.5, **amend**
3 (7)(c) introductory portion and (7)(c)(I) as follows:

4 **10-3-903.5. Jurisdiction over providers of health care benefits.**

5 (7) (c) A multiple employer welfare arrangement is any arrangement
6 ~~which~~ THAT complies with the following requirements:

7 (I) The multiple employer welfare arrangement ~~shall~~ MUST have
8 been in existence continuously since at least January 1, ~~1983~~ 2010, and
9 ~~shall~~ MUST maintain unallocated reserves of not less than five percent of
10 the first two million dollars of annual contributions made to ~~such~~ THE
11 arrangement in the preceding year.

12 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
13 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
14 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
15 general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant
16 to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an
17 item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,
18 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the
19 general election to be held in November 2022 and, in such case, will take
20 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the
21 governor.

22 (2) This act applies to conduct occurring on or after the applicable
23 effective date of this act.