

CHAPTER 301

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**INSURANCE**

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**SENATE BILL 01-205**

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also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Williams T., Crane, Hefley, Jahn, Jameson, Scott, Weddig, and Williams S.

**AN ACT**

CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION BEYOND THEIR SCHEDULED TERMINATION DATE IN THE CURRENT  
CALENDAR YEAR OF CERTAIN HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS FOR SMALL EMPLOYERS.

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

**SECTION 1.** 10-16-105 (7.3) (b) (IV) and (11), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

**10-16-105. Small group sickness and accident insurance - guaranteed issue - mandated provisions for basic and standard health benefit plans.** (7.3) (b) (IV) ~~A small employer carrier shall not be required to offer to a small employer a basic health benefit plan or a standard health benefit plan if the small employer health reinsurance program is not operational as provided in section 10-8-605 (5).~~

(11) The requirements contained in this section for small employer carriers to issue basic and standard health benefit plans shall terminate July 1, ~~2001~~ 2006, unless the general assembly acts by bill to extend such requirements beyond said date after conducting the review required in section 10-16-120.

**SECTION 2.** 10-16-120 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**10-16-120. Legislative review of requirements for guaranteed issue of basic and standard health benefit plans.** (2) The requirements contained in section 10-16-105 for small employer carriers to issue basic and standard health benefit plans shall terminate July 1, ~~2001~~ 2006, unless the general assembly acts by bill to extend said requirements beyond July 1, ~~2001~~ 2006.

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

**SECTION 3.** 10-8-605 (13), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**10-8-605. Small employer health care coverage availability program - exemption from taxes - repeal.** (13) This section is repealed, effective July 1, 2001; EXCEPT THAT THE BOARD SHALL CONTINUE UNTIL JULY 1, 2002, FOR THE PURPOSE OF WINDING DOWN THE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD.

**SECTION 4. Effective date - applicability.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, and shall apply to basic and standard health benefit plans issued or renewed on or after said date.

**SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: June 5, 2001