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HOUSE BILL 202

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE; PROVIDING OPTIONS FOR SMALL
EMPLOYERS TO INCREASE ACCESS TO VOLUNTARY HEALTH INSURANCE
COVERAGE; ENACTING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Health Insurance
Portability Act is enacted to read:

"~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ CONSOLIDATED PURCHASING. --Two or more
small employers may create or enter into an association,
cooperative or mutual alliance to purchase health care
benefits for their eligible employees and the employees'
dependents pursuant to the Health Care Purchasing Act. An
association, cooperative or mutual alliance of small employers
may submit a request for proposal for and purchase of health
care benefits as part of the consolidated purchasing process

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