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SENATE BILL 457

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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AN ACT

RELATING TO INSURANCE; REQUIRING HEALTH CARE COVERAGE TO COVER
UNMARRIED DEPENDENTS UNTIL THEIR TWENTY-SIXTH BIRTHDAY.

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

Section 1. Section 13-7-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1997,
Chapter 74, Section 1) is amended to read:

"13-7-1. SHORT TITLE. -- [~~Sections 1 through 4 of this act]~~
Chapter 13, Article 7 NMSA 1978 may be cited as the "Health
Care Purchasing Act". "

Section 2. A new section of the Health Care Purchasing
Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] Health care coverage, including any form
of self-insurance, offered, issued or renewed pursuant to the
Health Care Purchasing Act on or after July 1, 2003 that offers
coverage of an insured's dependent shall not terminate coverage

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1 of an unmarried dependent by reason of the dependent's age
2 before the dependent's twenty-sixth birthday. "

3 Section 3. A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 22 NMSA
4 1978 is enacted to read:

5 "[NEW MATERIAL] A policy of individual health insurance
6 delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in New Mexico on or
7 after July 1, 2003 that provides coverage for an insured's
8 dependent shall not terminate coverage of an unmarried
9 dependent by reason of the dependent's age before the
10 dependent's twenty-sixth birthday. "

11 Section 4. A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 23 NMSA
12 1978 is enacted to read:

13 "[NEW MATERIAL] A blanket or group health insurance policy
14 or certificate of insurance delivered, issued for delivery or
15 renewed in New Mexico on or after July 1, 2003 that provides
16 coverage for an insured's dependent shall not terminate
17 coverage of an unmarried dependent by reason of the dependent's
18 age before the dependent's twenty-sixth birthday. "

19 Section 5. A new section of the Health Maintenance
20 Organization Law is enacted to read:

21 "[NEW MATERIAL] An individual or group health maintenance
22 organization contract delivered or issued for delivery in New
23 Mexico on or after July 1, 2003 that provides coverage for an
24 enrollee's dependents shall not terminate coverage of an
25 unmarried dependent by reason of the dependent's age before the

1 dependent's twenty-sixth birthday. "

2 Section 6. A new section of the Nonprofit Health Care
3 Plan Law is enacted to read:

4 "[NEW MATERIAL] An individual or group subscriber contract
5 offered, issued or renewed in New Mexico on or after July 1,
6 2003 that provides coverage of a subscriber's dependents shall
7 not terminate coverage of an unmarried dependent by reason of
8 the dependent's age before the dependent's twenty-sixth
9 birthday. "

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