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**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NUTMEG HEALTH PARTNERSHIP
INSURANCE PLAN."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) As used in sections 501 and
4 502 of this act:

5 (1) "Covered employer" means: (A) On and after October 1, 2005, an
6 employer that employs five thousand or more employees, (B) on and
7 after October 1, 2006, an employer that employs two thousand five
8 hundred employees, (C) on and after October 1, 2007, an employer that
9 employs one thousand or more employees, and (D) on and after
10 October 1, 2008, an employer that employs five hundred or more
11 employees; and

12 (2) "Employer" means an employer that is subject to chapter 567 of
13 the general statutes, excluding the state, any political subdivision of
14 the state or any quasi-public agency, and includes a franchisor with

15 franchisees that employ collectively five thousand or more employees
16 in the state.

17 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) On and after January 1,
18 2006, and annually thereafter, all covered employers shall pay a Health
19 Security Surcharge to the Commissioner of Social Services. Such
20 surcharge shall be equal to twenty-five per cent of the hourly
21 minimum wage then in effect, multiplied by the total number of hours
22 worked by each employee during the year for which the surcharge
23 applies, to a maximum of forty hours per week worked for each
24 employee. Each covered employer providing health care benefits or
25 making payments to an employee in lieu of health insurance benefits
26 declined by such employee shall receive a credit for the employer's
27 costs for all such health benefits, and for all such payments, against the
28 entirety of the surcharge due under this section. The surcharge,
29 reduced by any credit allowable under this section, shall be payable at
30 the time state income taxes, payable under chapter 208 or 229 of the
31 general statutes, as appropriate, are paid by the covered employer for
32 the applicable tax year. All amounts collected under this section shall
33 be deposited into the General Fund to defray the costs to the state of
34 providing health coverage to employees of covered employers. Any
35 funds in excess of those needed for such purpose shall be used to
36 defray additional state expenses for covering uninsured or
37 underinsured patients.

38 (b) Any new employer or existing employer that previously was not
39 subject to subsection (a) of this section shall, not later than one month
40 after the date it becomes a covered employer subject to said subsection
41 (a), begin complying with the provisions of said subsection (a).

42 (c) Any existing employer previously subject to subsection (a) of this
43 section, but no longer subject to said subsection (a), shall notify the
44 Commissioner of Social Services in a manner prescribed by that
45 department not later than fifteen days after such change before
46 discontinuing compliance with the provisions of said subsection (a).

47 Sec. 503. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The Commissioner of Social
48 Services, in conjunction with the Commissioner of Revenue Services,
49 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter
50 54 of the general statutes, to carry out the purposes of sections 501 and
51 502 of this act."