



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6660

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT INCREASING THE AVAILABILITY OF HEALTH INSURANCE
FOR SMALL BUSINESSES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That section 38a-569 of the general statutes be amended to reduce
2 health insurance costs for employers who employ not more than fifty
3 employees. It is further provided that in the event an employer, as
4 defined in section 31-58 of the general statutes, terminates an employee
5 for any reason other than lay off or an employee voluntarily terminates
6 his or her employment with an employer, such employer shall not be
7 responsible for the payment of premium for such employee under a
8 group health insurance policy after the date of such employee's
9 termination. Any insurer, health care center, hospital or medical
10 service corporation or fraternal benefit society that issues such health
11 insurance policy shall credit such employer for the amount of any
12 premium paid by such employer with respect to such policy for such
13 employee to the date of such employee's termination.

Statement of Purpose:

To reduce health insurance costs for employers who employ not more than fifty employees and to provide that employers are not responsible for the payment of premium for group health plans for employees who are terminated or voluntarily terminate their employment after the date of such employees' termination.