

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1226
(Representatives Porter, Devlin, Keiser, Svedjan)
(Senators Cook, Stenehjem)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 26.1-36 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to providing basic health insurance coverage for individuals and small employers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 26.1-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Basic health insurance coverage - Exceptions to required coverage.

1. An insurance company, a nonprofit health service corporation, or a health maintenance organization may deliver, issue, execute, and renew a basic health insurance policy, health service contract, or evidence of coverage on an individual basis or an employer group, blanket, franchise, or association basis for employers with fewer than fifty employees.
2. The basic health insurance coverage policy, contract, or evidence of coverage under this section is not subject to sections 26.1-36-06.1, 26.1-36-08, 26.1-36-09.1, 26.1-36-09.3, 26.1-36-09.6, 26.1-36-09.7, 26.1-36-09.9, 26.1-36-09.10, 26.1-36-12.1, and 43-13-31. However, the insurance company, nonprofit health service corporation, or health maintenance organization shall make the coverage required under these sections available at the option of the individual or employer and may charge an additional premium for each coverage provided.
3. Any law that becomes effective after January 1, 2001, which provides for an accident and health insurance coverage mandate does not apply to a basic health insurance policy issued under this section unless the law specifically identifies application to a basic health insurance coverage policy.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1226.

House Vote: Yeas 97 Nays 0 Absent 1

Senate Vote: Yeas 30 Nays 17 Absent 2

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2001,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State