

HR 1050

Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2011

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Policy Area: Health

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Rep. Hanna, Richard L. [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Jul 12, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 21, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 6299	Related bill	Aug 3, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
112 HR 3682	Related bill	Mar 29, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
112 HR 105	Related bill	Feb 25, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
112 HR 397	Related bill	Feb 9, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
112 HR 299	Related bill	Feb 1, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Mar 11, 2011)

Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2011 - Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) to provide for establishment and governance of association health plans (AHPs), which are group health plans whose sponsors are trade, industry, professional, chamber of commerce, or similar business associations, and which meet certain ERISA certification requirements.

Prescribes rules governing AHPs, including requirements relating to certification, sponsors and boards of trustees, participation and coverage, nondiscrimination, contribution rates, notice of voluntary termination, correction actions, and mandatory termination.

Establishes the Association Health Plan Fund to be used by the Secretary of Labor to make payments to an insurer to maintain coverage for a plan if there is a reasonable expectation that, without such payments, claims would not be satisfied by reason of termination of coverage.

Requires the Secretary to establish a Solvency Standards Working Group.

Allows a state to impose a contribution tax on an association health plan that commenced operations in such state after the enactment of this Act.

Preempts any state law that may preclude a health insurance issuer from: (1) offering health insurance coverage in connection with a certified AHP; or (2) offering health insurance coverage of the same policy type to other employers operating in the state that are eligible for coverage under such AHPs, whether or not such other employers are participating employers in such plan.

Subjects to criminal penalties a person who willfully makes false representations with respect to an AHP.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 21, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Mar 11, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 11, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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