Florida Senate - 2004

By Senator Bennett

	21-625-04 See HB 53											
1	A bill to be entitled											
2	An act relating to health insurance;											
3	prohibiting health insurers from limiting											
4	health insurance coverage to certain counties											
5	in the state; requiring health insurers to make											
6	health insurance coverage available in each											
7	county; prohibiting certain health insurers											
8	from selling or offering for sale health											
9	insurance under certain circumstances;											
10	requiring the Office of Insurance Regulation of											
11	the Financial Services Commission to monitor											
12	health insurers to determine and ensure											
13	compliance; requiring the office to enforce											
14	compliance; providing an effective date.											
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16	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:											
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18	Section 1. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of											
19	law, an insurer that sells or offers for sale in this state											
20	policies of health insurance shall not limit such insurance											
21	coverage to eligible insureds in specific counties of this											
22	state. Each such health insurer shall make such insurance											
23	coverage available to eligible insureds in each county of this											
24	state. Any health insurer that attempts to limit health											
25	insurance coverage to eligible insureds in less than every											
26	county in this state shall be prohibited from selling or											
27	offering for sale health insurance in this state.											
28	(2) The Office of Insurance Regulation of the											
29	Financial Services Commission shall monitor each health											
30	insurer that sells or offers for sale health insurance in this											
31	state to determine and ensure compliance with the requirements											
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