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CHAPTER 346.

AN ACT to create 204.31 (14) of the statutes, relating to franchise group accident and health insurance.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

204.31 (14) of the statutes is created to read:

204.31 (14) **FRANCHISE GROUP ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE.** Franchise group accident and health insurance is declared to be that form of accident and health insurance covering 3 or more employes or members of any governmental corporation, unit, agency or department thereof, or of any corporation, co-partnership or individual employer, or of any association, including a labor union, having a constitution or by-laws, and formed in good faith for purposes other than that of obtaining insurance, where such employes or members and their dependents are covered under individual policies of insurance, under an arrangement whereby the premiums on such policies are to be paid to the insurer periodically by the employer, with or without payroll deductions, or by the association, as the case may be, or by some designated person acting on behalf of such employer or association or of such employes or members. Any insurance company authorized to write accident and health insurance in this state shall have power to issue franchise group accident and health policies. Notwithstanding any provision contained in the statutes of this state, insurers may be permitted to file, for use in connection with franchise group health and accident insurance, rate schedules which reflect a differential from the rates charged for identical policies issued on the individual basis, provided the rates charged under such rate schedules do not discriminate between franchise groups.

Approved June 20, 1945.