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(By Senators Minard and Kessler)

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AN ACT to amend article one, chapter thirty-three of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section twenty-two, relating to associations; and providing that all associations be bona fide.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article one, chapter thirty-three of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section twenty-two, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS.

§33-1-22. Association.

- 1 "Association" means, as used in this chapter and
- 2 corresponding rules, a bona fide association which has
- 3 been actively in existence for at least five years; has been
- 4 formed and maintained in good faith for purposes other

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5 than obtaining insurance; does not condition membership
6 in the association on any health status-related factor
7 relating to an individual; makes accident and sickness
8 insurance offered through the association available to all
9 members regardless of any health status-related factor
10 relating to members or individuals eligible for coverage
11 through a member; does not make accident and sickness
12 insurance coverage offered through the association
13 available other than in connection with a member of the
14 association; and meets any additional requirements as may
15 be set forth in this chapter or by rule.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within *is approved* this the *30th*
Day of *April*, 2001.

[Signature]
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Governor

PRESENTED TO THE

GOVERNOR

Date 4/30/01

Time 2:45pm