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## 2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HB 1510

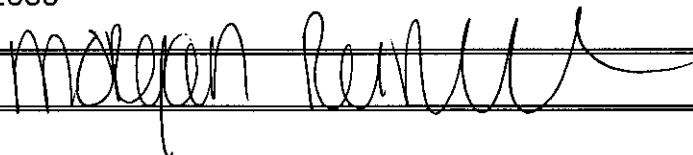
House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Minutes:

**Rep. Schneider:** Currently here in the National Guard we do have healthcare coverage when you are deployed on active duty overseas. When you are back on the job and in the classroom you don't have any healthcare coverage. What this bill would do is buy the same healthcare coverage that we as legislators have to our ND National Guard troops. In the National Guard two years ago the federal congress did pass legislation that would allow you to buy into the federal Tricare plan. That was kind of expensive and not typical for working families to afford. What this coverage would really do is recognize our ND National Guard soldiers as public serving. Currently all public employees receive full healthcare coverage. Certainly our National Guard soldiers should too. This bill would actually provide something of substance for our men and women that put themselves in harms way. It would help them and their families.

**Rep. Dahl:** The fiscal note for this bill doesn't really say anything.

**Rep. Schneider:** I admit that there was been some problems with the drafting of this legislation. Our committee may have to amend this. We are still waiting on a fiscal note.

**Rep. Haas:** I think that Sparb Collins will be able to answer that question.

**Sen. Mathern:** Testimony attached.

**Rep. Kasper:** On page 1 of the bill line 10, can you explain what that means?

**Sen. Mathern:** There are certain provisions by federal government rules of statute that give the state authority to operate government plans. That is the wording that reflects that. It basically says that we are as a state taking advantage of both special considerations that the federal government gives that are different than other plans. I don't know the detail of this but there are special considerations that aren't available to others. This says that we would use that position.

**Rep. Kasper:** I think this is absolutely imperative that this committee finds out exactly what that means. If you are suggesting in this bill that we move away from the PERS plan as it is, to a federal government type of plan, it would be a major change.

**Sen. Mathern:** There is no question about that. Mr. Collins is very experienced in that area. The other thing that I would like to note is the amendment that is probably necessary in this bill. I have a copy of that.

**Rep. Weiler:** Do we have any idea of the number of people we are talking about?

**Sen. Mathern:** At this point I don't know that number but I would suggest that the AG could tell us exactly how many families this would involve. They keep track of that everyday. It depends on the recruitment and what is presently going on in terms of soldiers killed etc. I would think that it will come up in the Fiscal note. I suspect that we have a unique situation now, in that the soldiers are eligible for Tricare and that we would be using that program also.

**Rep. Dahl:** Under this bill any member of the National Guard can be on this plan if they are not on active duty? Do they have to be on active duty before they can be eligible?

**Sen. Mathern:** I believe the intent is so every guard member can be eligible for this. In fact while they are on active duty they would be covered already by a military health care plan. This is really making sure that they have coverage while they are not on that plan. I thought I would

mention the amendment. It establishes an effective date. There are some questions that if this program is offered, that there would be old age persons taking the plan that would provide a negative consequence to the ND PERS program. The bill with this amendment would suggest that the board could use the risk adjusted premium to make sure that the premiums reflect the risk so that the entire program would not be negatively effected. So this bill authorizes the board to actually do risk adjustments, to do the underwriting. That feature has a question into it as to whether or not it would violate the health insurance equitability. That is the issue. This amendment clarifies that ND PERS would have to first of all make an application for a request to the federal government and say that they are going to have this program and these features. They want to make sure it is ok they do that. If the federal government says yes it is ok, then this bill would go into effect. However if that were denied, then they would have a problem. The intent of the amendment is to make sure that we are in fact not creating a new risk for the present pool, and that we get permission to move ahead with the criteria as we move ahead with it.

**Rep. Haas:** The criteria is really in the risk adjusted premiums. They are really designed to address the issue of adverse selection, is that correct?

**Sen. Mathern:** That is correct.

**Rep. Froseth:** That was one of my questions. Another one is if you know the long term effects of injuries or diseases that an active National Guard member might acquire during their service that would carry on in their lifetime. Are they still covered by the federal health insurance or would they become a responsibility of this group plan.

**Sen. Mathern:** The intent of this bill and the amendments are to make sure that every responsibility that we have as government related to military injury has continued coverage by a veteran's administration program. And that this pool, the NDPERS, not assume responsibility

that relates to the military service. The responsibilities that pertain to military still pertains to that.

**Rep. Kasper:** On page 1 line 17 you add to attract a highly qualified workforce to the state and to promote the general health and well being of the people of ND. Can you share with us how that pertains to adding the National Guard into the health plan. What was your intent with that language.

**Sen. Mathern:** I believe that men and women that are trained in the guard are not only guard members. They are often times leaders in our communities, businesses, and lives. We want those people to live here. One of our intentions is that we would encourage those people to have businesses here, stay here, and work here. One of the ways that we can accomplish that is to make sure that they have a health care plan available. The intent is to make sure that these trained people stay in our state, participate in our economy, we thank them for their service but we also need them for our general economy.

**Rep. Kasper:** You are aware that our National Guard members, except when they are on active duty, are part time soldiers and full time citizens, most of them working in the work force. As you said a lot of them are leaders, which I agree with. Which would mean that they would be involved with a company or companies where they are covered in the private sector for their health insurance? Are you aware of how many uninsured National Guard members there are, other than college students that are in the workforce?

**Sen. Mathern:** I do not know that number. I have been meeting with the Chamber of Commerce in Fargo. They tell me the number one issue for businesses are health insurance. Even if they are employed and a leader, our businesses are having a difficult time maintaining health care benefits. Many companies are developing plans that are very robust. The PERS

plan is a robust plan that would be better for that Guard family. I don't know the number. I know that it is a problem for each employer in the state to pay these plans.

**Sen. Mathern:** I believe that there is some work necessary on this bill. I think that there was some struggle between matching the interim committee with the bill that Rep. Schneider wanted to draft. I would appreciate very much anything you could do to get that in order.

**Rep. Haas:** We aren't going to act on this bill until after the Employee Benefits Committee meets again.

**Bob Hanson:** *I'm here today on behalf of the administrative committee. Our administrative committee took a stand on this and we support this bill. We feel that this is something that would really help the soldiers and our nation.*

**Colonel Thiele:** Testimony attached.

**Colonel Thiele:** First of all I want to say that I think we are all on the same page on the importance of healthcare for our military members. Going into our legislative planning process our number one priority was health care for our members. We have begun the process to determine what the overall cost would be giving the funding situation. The information you have in front of you is TRICARE select. It allows all of our guard members to secure health care coverage. For us the number one issue was those who don't have it. They are able to secure coverage now as Tier 2. If I'm a guard member I can now purchase a family plan for about \$450/month which is very difficult to beat. Having said that we are always open to discussion on how we can improve that process and health care coverage. Right now we are probably too early in the process. So far those soldiers that are using Tricare it has been a positive experience. They are satisfied with it. The health care providers participate. Moving forward I think the debate can be people. Going to the PERS program is one option. The intent of this is so the state will fund this. The fiscal note doesn't reflect that. I can tell you from our

initial analysis. If you are talking residents you are talking in the ball park of probably just under 4,000. I don't know what the annual or monthly costs in ND is for premiums. It is probably not less than \$500. With that I am here to answer questions.

**Rep. Amerman:** You believe that this would be something that they look at very seriously before they got out of the guards?

**Colonel Thiele:** As I pointed out one of our critical elements was most guard members need healthcare. I think most everyone can understand how important it is to secure healthcare. I used the sample of a young farmer out in ND trying to raise a family. Healthcare coverage is punitive. These are guard members and if we can secure health care for them, I think we have a guard member for life.

**Rep. Potter:** When a member of the National Guard as well as the regular army, when they come back from Iraq and so, what is the difference between what is offered for army soldiers and National Guard?

**Colonel Thiele:** If you are an active component in the military, whichever branch, you have 100% healthcare coverage. I was active duty and there are pros and cons to that. Speaking of Guard reserve members, when you are mobilized, you have 100% coverage. When you come back, depending on the length of your tour, you are going to become eligible to secure coverage on what they call Tier 1. That is the lowest. It is 28% of the premium. For our soldiers that are deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan if their assignment was a year or longer, they are eligible for that for up to four years. So if I'm mobilized I have coverage for the entire time frame, and then I can secure coverage at that low rate for an addition of four years. Now I commend transition to Tier 2 which is the second rate.

**Sparb Collins:** Testimony attached.



**Rep. Kasper:** I was visiting with you a bit ago. Would you share with the committee what the monthly premiums currently are and what the government budgets for premiums in the next biennium are?

**Sparb Collins:** When this group came in with what we call the pre Medicare Retiree's. Those are people right before age 65. If I were to retire before age 65 I go into the pre Medicare. For a single rate today it is around \$390/month. Then we have the second rate which is family. That is around \$781. Then we have a third rate. This is for a family of 3 or more that is \$977 a month. As we know these rates will finalize as soon as your considerations are taken care of. The governor's budget proposes altering the plan design. With that altered design the rates would be the following. For a singles it would be \$475/month, a family of 2 would be about \$946, and a family of 3 would be \$1,180.

**Rep. Kasper:** Those are monthly numbers. I just want it for the record that it is monthly. It is a rough calculation with the \$500 a month premium and I think your numbers would be higher than what the average number of people fall into. It would certainly be higher. The \$500 average monthly premium, you are looking at a \$24 million cost. If we go to the \$700 we are well over \$30 million to cover the \$4,000 the National Guard members get.

**Rep. Haas:** It seems like we had some conflicting information that whether or not this was supposed to be paid for by the state and then the questions on the fiscal note. The fiscal note that we have is still correct in your opinion?

**Sparb Collins:** It is my understanding that we need to take a look at that. Right now the state is only required to pay the premium for state employees.

**Rep. Schneider:** What is the healthcare plan that we use as legislators?

**Sparb Collins:** Legislators are in the same plan. This is identical to this bill. We really have two basic plans. One for active employees and one for pre – Medicare people and retiree's.

**Rep. Schneider:** Is there any problems that underwrite or prevent the selection for legislators or employees?

**Sparb Collins:** In the group setting the employer pays a significant amount of the premium. When we offer in that group incentive, we get probably almost everyone taking the plan. When you go into the individual setting and you offer it to them, they have to pay it out of their own pockets. A different profile is electing the coverage. They take a look at it. The significance of that is with health insurance, 80% of our expense goes to 20% of our members. That means if 80% of our members only consume 20% of the dollar. The concern with new settings is that the costs come more out of our pocket. Most people in the plan don't cost us that.

**Rep. Schneider:** I just want to point out that this nullifies National Guard members.

**Rep. Kasper:** The way I read this bill, on page 1 line 10 it says the board shall operate on. I'm assuming that means the PERS Board, is that correct?

**Sparb Collins:** Yes.

**Rep. Kasper:** Then on page 2 line 23 it says the board shall provide coverage for the member, the member's spouse, and the member's dependents. Then over on page 3 beginning on line 5, the board may accept grants, donations, legacies, and devises for the purpose of implementing this chapter. All of these monies, not otherwise appropriated, are appropriated to the board for the purpose of implementing the chapter. That tells me we are appropriating the money to fund the benefits.

**Sparb Collins:** I would be happy to have our attorney take a look at that. That was the assumption that was brought forth dealing with the fiscal note.

**Rep. Haas:** We would appreciate that clarification. Like I said earlier we have a week to get that. We will not act on this bill until next week.

**Rep. Amerman:** The grants and donations under the section that Rep. Kasper just read, is

that something that you can do now? To you have an idea where some of these grants come from?

**Sparb Collins:** At this point the only source of income we really have is the sub premium. Have we gone out and sought finance actively? We have a continuing appropriation for the premiums.

**Rep. Haas:** Is there any more testimony on HB 1510? If not we will close the hearing on HB 1510.

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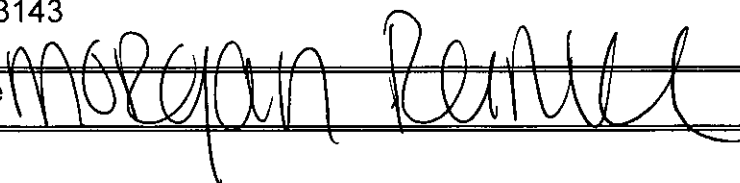
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Minutes:

**Rep. Haas:** I will open the floor for pre motion discussion.

**Rep. Schneider:** I do have an amendment that I had legislative council draft. It clarified some of the language. There was some confusion with regards to who was paying for what. Just a little bit of history. When we first started getting into this bill the idea was to allow the National Guard to combine into the PERS plan. What we found out was a couple of years ago the federal system passed legislation that would allow National Guard to combine in with the federal Tricare plan. Really the costs between the two is similar enough that there won't be a big problem with that. We started going down that path to see if the state would provide some funding. I also got a letter from the legislative council on the cost differences between the two. Really what the amendment does is it hopefully makes it straightforward and turns it to a buying option. At the same time it provides some incentive from the state to increase active healthcare for the National Guard. That is really what this bill is about. How do we get our National Guard troops those healthcare options? Funding it completely would be ideal but that is not realistic. What this bill would do is provide \$200 for family membership of National Guard troops and \$100 off the PERS for a single person. The other letter I passed around from the legislative council you can see that the cost of buying the PERS is \$553 for a family plan. With

these \$200 appropriations from the state it would knock this down to \$353. So if you are a National Guard member going to school, working, or having a family, you have this option of buying into this. That is what the bill does. The appropriation is \$1.8 million and if assuming 25% membership, I don't even think it would be that high. I think most of our National Guard troops already have some sort of health care coverage through their employers. Really what this does is address the needs for the troops that can't afford that healthcare.

**Rep. Haas:** Are there any questions for Rep. Schneider?

**Rep. Weiler:** Is there a fiscal note on this? I see the appropriation.

**Rep. Schneider:** There is not a fiscal note. Once the \$1.8 million is gone it's gone.

**Rep. Haas:** But isn't this a general fund appropriations?

**Rep. Schneider:** Right.

**Rep. Haas:** So if this amendment passes there would have to be an immediate fiscal note to be re referred to appropriations.

**Rep. Weiler:** So this is going to create a first come first serve, correct?

**Rep. Schneider:** Assuming 25% enrollment. We struggled with what number to use. 25% is 1,000 people. I don't think it is going to be that high. I think most of our troops do have some sort of healthcare coverage. Let's say you are working and going to the guards on weekends and your employer doesn't offer health insurance. If you go to Blue Cross and try to buy a plan of your own, you are going to be paying \$700-\$800. If you go to Tricare it's \$450. That is really what I am trying to do is increase health care coverage.

**Rep. Weiler:** My concern with this is if we look at the bill as it was presented to us, \$553 per person, if all of the individuals would take advantage of this program the fiscal note is going to be upwards of around \$26 million. Now what we are doing here is going to take \$200 a month which is about 40% of what the premium is, but the fiscal note is down to \$1.8 million. I

understand the 25% coverage but if we get a bunch of National Guard members wanting to get on the PERS plan we are going to have a lot of them being turned away. I think this is going to create a big problem with my estimations.

**Rep. Schneider:** The reason the fiscal note dropped so dramatically is because it is truly a buy in option. We don't know what number or percentage would even take advantage of this plan. It could be 4,000 troops and it could only be 200 of them. The idea is to increase and give them more options and give them coverage.

**Rep. Weiler:** Under the current plan that they are offered, is it the Tricare plan?

**Rep. Schneider:** Right.

**Rep. Weiler:** How much of that do they pay?

**Rep. Schneider:** \$450 for the family plan.

**Rep. Weiler:** Under this plan they would pay \$350. With all things being equal between the two plans, I think you would have a lot more than 25% jumping ship to the PERS plan. There would be a lot more wanting to do that because they could save \$1,200 a year. Now this \$1.8 million is going to run out. You are going to have a lot of National Guard members asking why they can't do it either. This is just going to create a bigger problem.

**Rep. Schneider:** Perhaps what the committee needs is an answer to how many troops may buy into the National Guard. That would probably give us a good idea. If the number is 500 that will buy into it, you are right on them jumping ship for a better deal. Then we could probably adjust the fiscal note.

**Rep. Kasper:** This approach creates a couple of other problems. The ones who decide to buy into the plan are getting an extra \$200 a month of benefits from the state. The ones who don't are being shorted \$200 a month. Now you are creating an inequity of benefits on equal rank. Secondly, the Tricare plan is a better plan than the PERS plan. It is cheaper and it is better.

Even though we are giving this care of \$200, if I were covered under the Tricare plan I would stay there. I think there are a lot of problems with the approach. The thought is fine but the approach to this dilemma is wrong.

**Rep. Haas:** Would you want to move the amendment?

**Rep. Schneider:** Yes but I want to respond to Rep. Kasper. The PERS plan is what we have as legislators. This Tricare plan is also very good. A \$100 difference for a working family would choose the PERS plan.

**Rep. Kasper:** I sell group insurance. My first blush look at this is the Tricare plan is substantially better than the PERS plan, although the PERS plan is good. It is substantially better.

**Rep. Haas:** I have a motion on the floor, is there a second?

**Rep. Wolf:** I second that.

**Rep. Weiler:** Rep. Kasper said the Tricare plan is better but you said you think for the \$200 they would choose the PERS plan and I agree with that. That is the reason why I think the fact that you are going to cut it off at \$1.8 million is going to create all kinds of problems. Let's say 50% of the people want to jump ship from the Tricare to the PERS. If we have an appropriation of only \$1.8 million, how are we going to decide the other half of the people that don't get to jump ship? There is going to be some unfairness here. That is why we are going to try to largely increase the appropriation.

**Rep. Potter:** Between the Tricare and the PERS, do we know what the difference is? We have

**Rep. Kasper** saying the PERS plan is better but then I understand the Tricare plan is better and I don't have the foggiest idea if one is better than the other or not.

**Rep. Haas:** I think everyone got the handout from Colonel Thiele if you would refer back to that.

**Rep. Schneider:** What I would request is to move the amendment. It is a lot better and clarifies the language of the original bill. Then what I would like to do is make a couple of phone calls and see how many guard members are on Tricare. If we can find out how many people are on Tricare that would be pretty reflective on how many people would buy into this plan. It may or may not be a better deal. At least we will get some sort of an idea.

**Rep. Haas:** Is there any further discussion on the amendment?

**Rep. Weiler:** If there is 4,000 National Guard members and 2,000 of them are on Tricare and 2,000 are on some other plan, this gives all 4,000 of them the ability to jump into the PERS plan does it not? Or do you have to be in Tricare first?

**Rep. Kasper:** Regardless of how many are on Tricare I simply don't like the concept of allowing some people to receive the benefits and others not to receive them. Regardless, I am going to resist this amendment.

**Rep. Amerman:** They do make good points. If it is used up some of them are going to be left out. The original bill they could have all been in there with a larger appropriation. If we put this amendment on there and give it a do pass, what happens?

**Rep. Haas:** One thing I do need to mention before we vote on the amendment is that all bills of this nature that deal with healthcare systems have to go and be considered by the employee benefits committee. The reason we delayed action on this bill is because it was last week Friday afternoon that the employee benefits committee met. I don't know if all of you have received a copy of the report of that committee, but they gave this bill and unfavorable recommendation which means based on their analysis and the interest that they took, they did not think this bill was a good idea. I will add that they did not consider it with the amendment. They considered the bill in it's original form. With that information is there any further discussion on the amendment.



**Rep. Grande:** If you check in your binders there is the employee benefits committee report.

**Rep. Haas:** We will take a voice vote, all in favor say 'aye' all opposed say 'no'. The amendment fails.

**Rep. Haas:** Is there a discussion on the bill?

**Rep. Grande:** I realize I was absent from the bill but I have followed up with Rep. Klein and his committee. My question initially is did the National Guard or Adjutant General have any desire to have this offered? Did they feel the need for this?

**Rep. Haas:** No they did not.

**Rep. Kasper:** They testified neutral for this bill.

**Rep. Grande:** But it was not on the request of the Adjutant General?

**Rep. Haas:** No, but they also said they were happy with Tricare.

**Rep. Schneider:** National Guard did testify in the neutral manner but one of their major issues is health care for their troops. Any plan to increase that would be helpful. The Colonel said he would take the original bill when it was fully funded.

**Rep. Grande:** Fully funded? Who wouldn't stand in line for free healthcare?

**Rep. Kasper:** This is such a major decision that the guards and all those it effects should be involved whether or not this policy should be adopted. Even though free insurance would not be turned down by anyone, the fact of the matter is that it is a huge policy change for the state. I appreciate the concept of the bill sponsors but I think it is just too much too quick. This is something that could be looked at in the interim.

**Rep. Grande:** Thank you for bringing that up. This bill should have been, if done properly, submitted before July 1 of this year and gone through the proper channels if it was going to be brought into the legislative body. Failure to do so leaves us in the bind of not having the proper money available and the proper information in front of us. All legislators are made aware of

that. Senator Mathern has done many bills and is very well aware of the procedures. You were supposed to have the proper reports in front of us so we could support and do something like this, it should have been done earlier.

**Rep. Schneider:** Senator Mathern did take it through the proper channels.

**Rep. Grande:** No he didn't, not the proper channels.

**Rep. Schneider:** I believe there is a report on that.

**Rep. Grande:** This came through the initial committee?

**Rep. Haas:** No not this bill, it was another issue very similar to this. What are your wishes?

**Rep. Kasper:** I move a do not pass.

**Rep. Weiler:** I second that.

**Rep. Haas:** Is there any further discussion on the bill? If not we will take a roll call vote on a do not pass motion on HB 1510. The do not pass motion passes with a vote of 9-4-0. Is there a volunteer to carry this bill?

**Rep. Grande:** I will.

# FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council

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**1A. State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2005-2007 Biennium		2007-2009 Biennium		2009-2011 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
<b>Revenues</b>						
<b>Expenditures</b>						
<b>Appropriations</b>						

**1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2005-2007 Biennium			2007-2009 Biennium			2009-2011 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

**2A. Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

This bill will allow members of the national guard to participate in the PERS Health Plan

**B. Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

The bill does not have a direct effect on the plan, however over time adverse selection against the plan could occur which could effect our health trend causing it to be higher. Higher trends would effect future premiums.

**3. State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

**A. Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

**B. Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

**C. Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1510

Page 1, line 5, remove "and"

Page 1, line 6, after "appropriation" insert "; and to provide an effective date"

Page 3, after line 8, insert:

**"SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Sections 2 and 3 of this Act become effective when the board determines that utilizing medical underwriting requirements and risk-adjusted premiums does not violate the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and the board enters a contract with an insurer to provide coverage pursuant to this Act. The board shall notify the legislative council of the effective date of this Act."

Re-number accordingly

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1510

Page 1, line 5, after the semicolon insert "to provide an appropriation;"

Page 1, line 11, after the underscored period insert "The board shall apply to the federal government to receive exempt status under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act to allow for the expansion of the uniform group insurance program under sections 2, 3, and 4 of this Act."

Page 2, line 21, replace "A" with "Subject to minimum requirements established by the board,  
a"

Page 2, line 22, after "state" insert "and who does not have health insurance coverage through a private insurer"

Page 2, line 23, after "program" insert "by completing the necessary enrollment forms. The board may use risk-adjusted premiums for individual insurance contracts to implement this section"

Page 2, line 24, after the underscored period insert "To the extent funds are available, the board shall pay two hundred dollars per month of the equivalent rate of a state employee with family coverage for each member electing the family plan and one hundred dollars per month of the equivalent rate of a state employee with single coverage for each member electing the single plan. However, this rate is only available for non-medicare contracts."

Page 3, after line 8, insert:

**"SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,800,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the public employees retirement system for the purpose of paying a portion of national guard member uniform group insurance premiums as provided in this Act, for the period beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009."

Renumber accordingly

Date: 2-8-07  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
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House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number HB 1510

Action Taken more amendment

Motion Made By Rep. Schneider Seconded By Rep. Wolf

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. C. B Haas Chairman			Rep. Bill Amerman		
Rep. Bette Grande VC			Rep. Louise Potter		
Rep. Randy Boehning			Rep. Jasper Schneider		
Rep. Stacey Dahl			Rep. Lisa Wolf		
Rep. Glen Froseth					
Rep. Karen Karls					
Rep. Jim Kasper					
Rep. Lisa Meier					
Rep. Dave Weiler					

Total (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Assignment Rep.

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

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