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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 689, L.D. 2123, Bill, "AN ACT Concerning the Number of Persons Required to be Covered by an Existing Group Health Insurance Policy for its Renewal or Replacement."

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause the following:

'Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2607, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 132, §1, is amended to read:

1. The policy may be issued only if:

A. The association has been in existence for at least 5 4 years and was formed for purposes other than obtaining insurance; and

B. The participating employers, meaning such employer members whose employees are to be insured, constitute at date of issue at least 50% 20% of the total employers eligible to participate, ~~unless the total number of persons covered at date of issue exceeds 600, in which event such participating employers must constitute at least 25% of such total employers, in either case~~ omitting from consideration any employer whose employees are already covered for group life insurance.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause the following: 'Sec. 2.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment reduces the number of years a trade association group must be in existence, from 5 to 4 years, before it can qualify for group insurance. It also allows group insurance for trade association groups where only 20% of the eligible employers participate in the group plan. Current law requires 50% participation.

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