

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 335

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 7, after the semicolon insert “providing for an exception from the requirements of this Act;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 26, after the semicolon insert “AND”.

On page 2, in lines 2 and 3, strike “; AND” and substitute a period; strike in their entirety lines 4 through 6, inclusive; and after line 18, insert:

“(C) (1) A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION MAY REQUEST AND AN INSURER, NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN, OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION SHALL GRANT THE REQUEST FOR AN EXCEPTION FROM THE COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IF THE REQUIRED COVERAGE CONFLICTS WITH THE RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION’S BONA FIDE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND PRACTICES.

(2) A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION THAT OBTAINS AN EXCEPTION FROM THE REQUIRED COVERAGE SHALL PROVIDE ITS EMPLOYEES REASONABLE AND TIMELY NOTICE OF THIS EXCEPTION.

(3) THE PREMIUM RATE FOR THE POLICY OR CONTRACT OF THE INSURER, NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN, OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION MAY NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION’S EXCEPTION FROM THE REQUIRED COVERAGE.”.