

SENATE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Senator Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a health insurance purchasing program.

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

3 **SECTION 1. Health insurance purchasing program.** The insurance commissioner
4 shall develop and implement a health insurance purchasing program. The commissioner shall
5 adopt rules necessary to implement this section. The program must establish and maintain a
6 health insurance purchasing pool, must negotiate contracts with health care service plans and
7 health insurers that chose to participate, and must be fully funded through user fees and
8 enrollee contributions. The program must require that each employer subject to the program
9 either pay to the commissioner a user fee to cover the cost of purchasing employee health
10 insurance from the program or verify to the commissioner that the employer provides approved
11 health insurance coverage to employees and employees' dependents. The commissioner may
12 implement this program incrementally but the program must be fully implemented before
13 January 1, 2008. Upon full implementation, the program must apply to each employer in the
14 state which employs more than nineteen employees.