

HOUSE BILL NO. 30

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXEMPTING A HEALTH CARE SHARING MINISTRY FROM REGULATION AS A DISABILITY INSURANCE COMPANY OR POLICY; DEFINING "HEALTH CARE SHARING MINISTRY"; AND AMENDING SECTION 33-22-101, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 33-22-101, MCA, is amended to read:

**"33-22-101. Exceptions to scope -- definition.** (1) Subject to subsection (2), parts 1 through 4 of this chapter, except 33-22-107, 33-22-110, 33-22-111, 33-22-114, 33-22-125, 33-22-129, 33-22-130 through 33-22-136, 33-22-140, 33-22-141, 33-22-142, 33-22-243, and 33-22-304, and part 19 of this chapter do not apply to or affect:

(a) any policy of liability or workers' compensation insurance with or without supplementary expense coverage;

(b) any group or blanket policy;

(c) life insurance, endowment, or annuity contracts or supplemental contracts that contain only those provisions relating to disability insurance that:

(i) provide additional benefits in case of death or dismemberment or loss of sight by accident or accidental means; or

(ii) operate to safeguard contracts against lapse or to give a special surrender value or special benefit or an annuity if the insured or annuitant becomes totally and permanently disabled as defined by the contract or supplemental contract;

(d) reinsurance.

(2) Sections 33-22-137, 33-22-150 through 33-22-152, and 33-22-301 apply to group or blanket policies.

(3) (a) Nothing contained in this chapter applies to a health care sharing ministry as defined in subsection (3)(b).

(b) "Health care sharing ministry" means a faith-based, nonprofit organization that:

(i) is tax-exempt under the Internal Revenue Code;



