

Senate Bill No. 316—Senators Copening, Parks,
Woodhouse, Wiener; and Carlton

Joint Sponsor: Assemblyman Segerblom

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AN ACT relating to insurance; directing the Legislative Committee on Health Care to consider the establishment of a health insurance exchange in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Section 1 of this bill requires the Legislative Committee on Health Care to consider the establishment of a health insurance exchange in this State.

Section 2 of this bill requires the Legislative Committee on Health Care to provide to the Legislature any recommendations for legislation as a result of its consideration.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. 1. During the 2009-2011 interim, the Legislative Committee on Health Care shall consider the establishment of a health insurance exchange that provides information on health insurance options and health care products, including, to the extent practicable, an examination of:

(a) Whether a health insurance exchange would provide persons in this State with greater access, choice, portability and affordability of health insurance coverage;

(b) The potential scope of a health insurance exchange;

(c) The potential powers and duties of a health insurance exchange;

(d) The benefits and value of a health insurance exchange to this State, including, without limitation, the extent to which the exchange may lower the cost of health care coverage;

(e) The use of a health insurance exchange to receive and process employee premiums on a pretax basis pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 125;

(f) The eligibility criteria that a person or insurer must meet to participate in a health insurance exchange; and

(g) The types of health care plans that may be offered through a health insurance exchange and the extent to which each such health care plan should be available for purchase only through the exchange.

2. As used in this section:



(a) "Health care plan" means a policy, contract, certificate or agreement offered or issued to provide, deliver, arrange for, pay for or reimburse any of the costs of health care services.

(b) "Health insurance exchange" means a program that provides information concerning health care plans, including, without limitation, information concerning costs, benefits, availability of and eligibility for health care plans.

Sec. 2. The Legislative Committee on Health Care shall provide to the Legislature as a result of its consideration of any of the topics listed in section 1 of this act any recommendations for legislation.

