

July 10, 2006

The Honorable Alfred W. Speer  
Clerk of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

RE: House Bill No. 1028 by Representative Hopkins  
INSURANCE/GROUP-STATE: Permits state legislators who have served in the legislature and participated in Office of Group Benefits sponsored programs for ten years to remain eligible for participation

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 1028 would have expanded state health insurance benefits available to members of the Legislature elected to office in 1995 or thereafter with the state being responsible for 75% of the cost of that insurance.

Following passage of the bill many legislators advised me there was confusion as to the full impact of the proposed changes and many have requested that I veto it. Such a special expansion to a limited number of persons does not make sound public policy.

For these reasons I vetoed House Bill No. 1028 and am returning it to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco  
Governor

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