

State Corporation Commission 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1327

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Dudley

3. Committee Commerce and Labor

4. Title Insurance; multiple employer welfare arrangements

5. Summary/Purpose: Exempts from regulation in Virginia any multiple employer welfare arrangement (MEWA) comprised only of banks and their employees that (i) is licensed as a MEWA by insurance authorities in a contiguous state; (ii) files a copy of its license or certificate of authority with the Commission; and (iii) has no more than 50 employees who reside in Virginia enrolled in or receiving accident and sickness benefits as insureds, members, enrollees, or subscribers of the MEWA. "Bank" as used in § 38.2-3420 is defined as an institution that has or is eligible for insurance or deposits by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

6. No Fiscal Impact on the State Corporation Commission

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: None

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: State Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance

10. Technical amendment necessary: The Bureau of Insurance offered the following technical amendments for clarification of the language of the bill which were adopted by the Committee.

11. Other comments: HB 1327 creates a very limited MEWA carve out that allows the North Carolina Bankers' Association Health Benefit Trust (NCBAHBT) to offer the same health benefit plans for employees of all its member banks, including those banks that may have branches in Virginia employing only a few persons who are Virginia residents.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources