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## DIGEST

Mount (SB 242)

Proposed law provides that every group health plan issued by a health insurer or a health maintenance organization shall provide for a special enrollment period for employees or dependents if either of the following apply:

1. The employee or dependent loses eligibility for Medicaid or coverage under the Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program and the employee requests, not later than 60 days after the date of termination of such coverage, coverage under a group health plan for which the employee or dependent is eligible.
2. The employee or dependent becomes eligible to participate in a premium assistance program under Medicaid or the Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program and the employee requests, not later than 60 days after the date of termination of eligibility, coverage under a group health plan for which the employee or dependent is eligible. Requires the Department of Health and Hospitals to ensure that each eligible enrollee receives information regarding the special enrollment period.

Proposed law provides that DOI may promulgate rules and regulations, pursuant to the APA, as necessary to assure compliance with the provisions of proposed law and Section 311 of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009.

Effective August 15, 2009.

(Adds R.S. 22:1062.1)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

#### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance on the original bill.

1. Provides special enrollment period for employees or dependents if either of the following apply:
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or dependent is eligible.

- (b) The employee or dependent becomes eligible to participate in a premium assistance program under Medicaid or the Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program and the employee requests, not later than 60 days after the date of termination of eligibility, coverage under a group health plan for which the employee or dependent is eligible. Requires the Department of Health and Hospitals to ensure that each eligible enrollee receives information regarding the special enrollment period.