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## DIGEST

Cortez (SB 643)

Present law provides that the requirements of present law relative to group health plans apply to large employers who employed an average of at least 51 employees during the preceding calendar year. Further provides that present law requirements apply to small employers who employed between one and 50 employees during the preceding calendar year.

Proposed law amends the definitions of small employer and large employer. Defines "small employer" as an employer who employed an average of not more than 100 employees in the preceding calendar year. Defines "large employer" as an employer who employed an average of at least 101 employees in the preceding calendar year.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 22:1061(5)(e)(ii) and (iii))