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House Engrossed Senate Bill

**FILED**  
**MICHELE REAGAN**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**

CHAPTER 136

## **SENATE BILL 1039**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 20-122, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO HEALTH CARE SHARING MINISTRIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 20-122, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 20-122. Health care sharing ministries; exemption from  
5 regulation; definition

6 A. A health care sharing ministry's practices do not constitute the  
7 transaction of insurance business in this state for the purposes of  
8 regulation under this title.

9 B. For the purposes of this section, "health care sharing ministry"  
10 means a ~~faith-based~~, nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal  
11 income tax under section 501 of the internal revenue code and that:

12 1. Limits its participants to those who ~~are of a similar faith~~ SHARE A  
13 COMMON SET OF ETHICAL OR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.

14 2. MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF 26 UNITED STATES CODE SECTION  
15 5000A(d)(2)(B).

16 ~~2.~~ 3. Acts as a facilitator among participants who have financial or  
17 medical needs and matches those participants with other participants who have  
18 the ability to assist those with financial or medical needs consistent with  
19 the criteria established by the health care sharing ministry.

20 ~~3.~~ 4. Provides for the financial and medical needs of a participant  
21 through contributions from one participant to another.

22 ~~4.~~ 5. Suggests amounts that participants may contribute with no  
23 assumption of risk or promise to pay among the participants and no assumption  
24 of risk or promise to pay by the health care sharing ministry to the  
25 participants.

26 ~~5.~~ 6. Provides a written monthly statement to all participants that  
27 lists the total dollar amount of qualified needs submitted to the health care  
28 sharing ministry and the amount actually published or assigned to  
29 participants for their contribution.

30 ~~6.~~ 7. Provides a written disclaimer on or accompanying all  
31 applications and guideline materials distributed by or on behalf of the  
32 ministry that reads, in substance:

33 Notice: The organization facilitating the sharing of  
34 medical expenses is not an insurance company and the ministry's  
35 guidelines and plan of operation are not an insurance  
36 policy. Whether anyone chooses to assist you with your medical  
37 bills will be completely voluntary because participants are not  
38 compelled by law to contribute toward your medical bills.  
39 Therefore, participation in the ministry or a subscription to  
40 any of its documents should not be considered to be  
41 insurance. Regardless of whether you receive any payment for  
42 medical expenses or whether this ministry continues to operate,  
43 you are always personally responsible for the payment of your  
44 own medical bills.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 1, 2015.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 2, 2015.

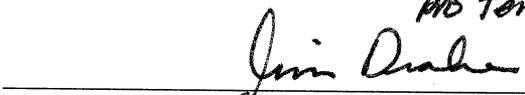
Passed the House March 25, 2015,

by the following vote: 36 Ayes,

23 Nays, 1 Not Voting



Speaker of the House  
*NO Tenpore*



Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate February 9, 2015,

by the following vote: 27 Ayes,

2 Nays, 1 Not Voting



President of the Senate



Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Governor of Arizona

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of State

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE  
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

Passed the Senate March 20, 2015

by the following vote: 10 Ayes,

12 Nays, 2 Not Voting

[Signature]  
President of the Senate

[Signature]  
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this  
20th day of March, 2015

at 4:28 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]  
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 1st day of

April

at 3:14 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]  
Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State  
this 2 day of April, 2015

at 9:00 o'clock A M.

[Signature]  
Secretary of State