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 4/11/2013 Senate Roll call Ayes‑38 Nays‑2 ([Senate Journal‑page 20](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2013%5C04-11-13.docx))

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 5/16/2013 House Committee report: Favorable **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([House Journal‑page 4](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2013%5C05-16-13.docx))

 5/22/2013 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 27](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2013%5C05-22-13.docx))

 5/22/2013 House Roll call Yeas‑110 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 27](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2013%5C05-22-13.docx))

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**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 38‑71‑1330, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE AVAILABILITY ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF AN “ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE”.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**“Eligible employee” redefined**

SECTION 1. Section 38‑71‑1330(6) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 180 of 2008, is further amended to read:

 “(6) ‘Eligible employee’ means an employee:

 (a) as defined in Section 38‑71‑710(1) or Section 38‑71‑840(7) who works on a full‑time basis and has a normal workweek of thirty or more hours; or

 (b) who is a licensed real estate person engaged in the sale, leasing, or rental of real estate for a licensed real estate broker on a straight commission basis, who has signed a valid independent contractor agreement with the broker who works on a full‑time basis and has a normal workweek of thirty or more hours.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 4th day of June, 2013.

Approved the 7th day of June, 2013.

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