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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health care; expanding the definition of dependent coverage to any  
1.3 unmarried child under the age of 25; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections  
1.4 62E.02, subdivision 7; 62L.02, subdivision 11; repealing Minnesota Statutes  
1.5 2006, section 62A.301.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 62E.02, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 7. **Dependent.** "Dependent" means a spouse or unmarried child ~~under the~~  
1.9 ~~age of 19 years, a dependent child~~ who is a ~~student~~ under the age of 25 regardless of  
1.10 whether the dependent child is enrolled in an educational institution, or a dependent  
1.11 child of any age who is disabled.

1.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2008.

1.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 62L.02, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

1.14 Subd. 11. **Dependent.** "Dependent" means an eligible employee's spouse,  
1.15 unmarried child who is ~~under the age of 19 years, unmarried child~~ under the age of 25  
1.16 years ~~who is a full-time student as defined in section 62A.301~~ regardless of whether  
1.17 the dependent child is enrolled in an educational institution, dependent child of any age  
1.18 who is disabled and who meets the eligibility criteria in section 62A.14, subdivision 2,  
1.19 or any other person whom state or federal law requires to be treated as a dependent for  
1.20 purposes of health plans. For the purpose of this definition, a child includes a child for  
1.21 whom the employee or the employee's spouse has been appointed legal guardian and an  
1.22 adoptive child as provided in section 62A.27.

1.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2008.

2.1 Sec. 3. **REPEALER.**

2.2 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 62A.301, is repealed.

APPENDIX  
Repealed Minnesota Statutes: 07-0856

**62A.301 COVERAGE OF FULL-TIME STUDENTS.**

If an insurer provides individual or group accident and health coverage for dependents after what otherwise would be the limiting age based on full-time student status the insurer must include in its definition of full-time student, any student who by reason of illness, injury, or physical or mental disability as documented by a physician is unable to carry what the educational institution considers a full-time course load so long as the student's course load is at least 60 percent of what otherwise is considered by the institution to be a full-time course load. Any notice regarding termination of coverage due to attainment of the limiting age must include information about this provision.

For purposes of this section, "insurer" means an insurer providing accident and health insurance regulated under this chapter, a nonprofit health service plan corporation regulated under chapter 62C, a health maintenance organization regulated under chapter 62D, or a fraternal benefit society regulated under chapter 64B.