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Reported from the Committee on Health and Mental Health, April 19, 2007, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 354, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the Missouri universal health assurance commission.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 354, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 354.759, to read as follows:

**354.759. 1. There is hereby established a "Missouri Universal Health Assurance Commission" to study the possible implementation of a universal health assurance program for the purpose of providing a single, publicly-financed statewide program to provide comprehensive necessary health care services for all residents of this state. The commission shall be composed of twenty-five members:**

**(1) Sixteen of whom shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate as follows:**

- (a) One representative of a hospital;**
- (b) Two physicians;**
- (c) One registered nurse;**
- (d) One epidemiologist;**
- (e) One representative of a community health center;**
- (f) One representative of a mental health care provider;**
- (g) One person experienced in health care consumer advocacy;**
- (h) Two persons whose annual income does not exceed twice the federal poverty level;**
- (i) One person sixty-five years of age or older;**
- (j) One representative of a labor organization;**
- (k) One representative of employers;**

21           **(l) One member who is a licensed health care professional other**  
22 **than a physician or a nurse;**

23           **(m) One person trained in bioethics; and**

24           **(n) One dentist;**

25           **(2) Six persons representing six regional districts of roughly**  
26 **equal population; and**

27           **(3) Three of whom shall be the following ex officio members:**

28           **(a) The director of the department of health and senior services;**

29           **(b) The director of the department of social services; and**

30           **(c) The director of the department of mental health.**

31           **2. The terms of the initial members who are appointed under**  
32 **subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of this section shall be staggered as**  
33 **follows: five shall be appointed for a term of four years, five for a term**  
34 **of three years, and four for a term of two years. The initial terms of the**  
35 **members selected under subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of this section**  
36 **shall be staggered so that the members selected from even-numbered**  
37 **districts shall serve an initial term of three years and those from odd-**  
38 **numbered districts shall serve four years. Thereafter all terms shall be**  
39 **for a term for four years each, but a member appointed to fill a vacancy**  
40 **in an unexpired term shall serve only for the remainder of that term.**  
41 **No member may be appointed to serve more than two consecutive**  
42 **terms.**

43           **3. Members of the commission shall at all times include:**

44           **(1) Sufficient representatives of racial and ethnic minorities so**  
45 **that the makeup of the commission shall accurately reflect the racial**  
46 **and ethnic diversity of the state population;**

47           **(2) At least two members who are defined as disabled under the**  
48 **Americans with Disabilities Act, P.L. 101-336; and**

49           **(3) Gender representation that accurately reflects the total state**  
50 **population.**

51           **4. The commission shall elect a chairperson and vice**  
52 **chairperson.**

53           **5. Meetings shall be called by the chairperson or by any thirteen**  
54 **members. The commission shall meet at least six times per year. All**  
55 **meetings of the commission shall be announced in advance and open to**  
56 **the public, except as provided by chapter 610, RSMo.**

57           **6. Thirteen members of the commission constitute a quorum, and**

58 **affirmative vote of thirteen members shall be necessary for any action**  
59 **to be taken by the commission.**

60 **7. The members of the commission shall be reimbursed from the**  
61 **Missouri health care trust fund for mileage and their necessary and**  
62 **actual expenses incurred while engaged in the business of the**  
63 **commission.**

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