A bill for an act

relating to state government; allowing nursing facility and home care agency employees to buy into the state long-term care insurance program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 43A.318, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 43A.318, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) **Scope.** For the purposes of this section, the terms defined have the meaning given them.

(b) **Eligible person.** "Eligible person" means:

(1) a person who is eligible for insurance and benefits under section 43A.24;

(2) a person who at the time of separation from employment was eligible to purchase coverage at personal expense under section 43A.27, subdivision 3, regardless of whether the person elected to purchase this coverage;

(3) a spouse of a person described in clause (1) or (2), regardless of the enrollment status in the program of the person described in clause (1) or (2); ~~or~~

(4) a parent of a person described in clause (1), regardless of the enrollment status in the program of the person described in clause (1); or

(5) an employee of a nursing facility under section 144A.01, subdivision 5, or a home care agency that receives medical assistance funding.

(c) **Program.** "Program" means the statewide public employees long-term care insurance program created under subdivision 2.

(d) **Qualified vendor.** "Qualified vendor" means an entity licensed or authorized to underwrite, provide, or administer group long-term care insurance benefits in this state.