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SENATOR TYSON: ...is required to follow the law.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay.

SENATOR TYSON: And incidentally, I was handed some information, Senator Bourne. I was told that about 20 states now have this legislation, in answer to your previous question.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay.

SENATOR TYSON: Again, the pharmaceutical manager is the agent of the insurance company and is required to do whatever the insurance company...that's how he earns his money.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. So you're saying that even if an insurer hires a pharmacy benefit manager they have to comply with this uniform card requirement.

SENATOR TYSON: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. Let me ask you one last question and then I will vote...I will vote yes for the amendment. Again, I was asking for some clarification, and I look on page 4 where it talks about the effective dates and it says this section shall apply to all health benefit plans delivered or issued for delivery on or after July 4, 2004, and then to all health benefit plans renewed on or after June 1 or, excuse, July, excuse me again, January 1, 2005. So for new policyholders, this requirement would go into effect January 1 of 2004.

SENATOR TYSON: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: So if, for example, an insurer wanted to add...say you had a small business and they wanted to add you as a new group and you wanted to add that after January 1 of 2004, they would have to comply with this prescription...the uniform prescription drug card.

SENATOR TYSON: Yes.