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Governor Thanks NFIB for Support On Healthcare Bill



Gov. Bob Riley (left) speaks at a news conference in January with NFIB/Alabama State Director Rosemary Elebash and Revenue Commissioner Tim Russell.

Rosemary Elebash, state director of NFIB/Alabama, joined Gov. Bob Riley at a news conference in January to highlight new rules increasing the amount of money small businesses can deduct on their taxes to offset the cost of supplying health insurance to their workers.

Under a law that took effect Jan. 1, businesses with fewer than 25 employees can deduct 150 percent of their health insurance premiums on their state income taxes.

“This will help businesses to save money and keep workers, and that’s especially important during these tough economic times,” Gov. Riley said.

He also encouraged NFIB members to contact their local legislators about bills that affect small businesses. “We are going to have more pro-business initiatives than we have had in a long time,” Gov. Riley said. “The support of NFIB members is critical to the success of the pro-business initiatives.”



NFIB MEMBERS ATTEND LEGISLATIVE “TRAINING CAMP”

NFIB/ALABAMA’S FIRST LEGISLATIVE TRAINING CAMP gave small business owners from across the state a chance to learn more about the legislative process and meet with Gov. Bob Riley, State Auditor Sam Shaw, Secretary of State Beth Chapman and Attorney General Troy King. NFIB members also visited the House and Senate chambers.

AlaCOMP Provides Additional Benefits to NFIB Members

THE BENEFITS OF JOINING the NFIB/Alabama Workers’ Compensation program extend beyond the ability to own and control your own workers’ compensation costs.

Policyholders with AlaCOMP, an Alabama-only self-insured workers’ compensation fund, receive the following additional benefits when their workers get injured on the job:

- Medical claims cost-controlled through bill-reduction services and medical cost-containment program.
- Highly trained claims professionals who handle reported claims and work with employers and injured workers to expedite a return to work as promptly as possible.
- Stringent loss-control programs with an emphasis on OSHA compliance.
- Loss-control personnel working on safety programs designed to prevent accidents.

Dedicated to handling medical costs, wage replacement and rehabilitation to get injured workers back on the job, AlaCOMP also makes the effort to educate members about how to prevent future occurrences.

In addition to receiving these benefits, qualified employers who implement a Drug-Free program are eligible to receive an additional 5 percent discount on their workers’ comp premiums.

NFIB members with three or more employees are eligible to receive a quote on an AlaCOMP workers’ compensation policy.

>> AlaCOMP is a self-insured workers’ compensation program subject to the laws of Alabama, including joint and several liability. Not all members will qualify for coverage. For more information on the program, contact your insurance agent or call AlaCOMP through its service company, Business Insurance Group, at 888-661-7119, or contact NFIB/Alabama at 334-264-2261.

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