THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL No. 586 Session of 2001

INTRODUCED BY DALLY, CAPPELLI, THOMAS, TRAVAGLIO, MCILHATTAN, CALTAGIRONE, FREEMAN, SOLOBAY, YOUNGBLOOD, TRICH, TRELLO, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, BELFANTI, MCILHINNEY, MCCALL, GRUCELA, EACHUS, COLAFELLA, MAHER, WILT, HORSEY AND JAMES, FEBRUARY 8, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, FEBRUARY 8, 2001

AN ACT

Amending the act of July 22, 1974 (P.L.589, No.205), relating to unfair insurance practices; prohibiting unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts and practices; and prescribing remedies and penalties," further providing for unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices defined.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 5(a) of the act of July 22, 1974

10 (P.L.589, No.205), known as the Unfair Insurance Practices Act,

11 is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

12 Section 5. Unfair Methods of Competition and Unfair or

13 Deceptive Acts or Practices Defined.--(a) "Unfair methods of

14 competition" and "unfair or deceptive acts or practices" in the

15 business of insurance means:

16 * * *

17 (15) Refusing to offer health insurance coverage to

18 residents in every county of this Commonwealth or limiting

- 1 <u>health insurance coverage on a per county basis.</u>
- 2 * * *
- 3 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.