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AN ACT

1 Prohibiting medical coverage for abortions unless it is
2 specifically provided for in the policy of insurance.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. (a) No health insurance contracts, plans or
6 policies delivered or issued for delivery in the State shall
7 provide coverage for elective abortions except by an optional
8 rider for which there must be paid an additional premium. For
9 purposes of this section, an "elective abortion" means an
10 abortion for any reason other than to preserve the life of the
11 female upon whom the abortion is performed.

12 (b) This section shall be applicable to all contracts, plans
13 or policies of:

- 14 (1) all health insurers;
- 15 (2) all group and blanket health insurers;
- 16 (3) all nonprofit hospital, medical, surgical, dental
17 and health service corporations;

1 (4) all health maintenance organizations; and
2 (5) any provision of medical, hospital, surgical and
3 funeral benefits and of coverage against accidental death or
4 injury, when such benefits or coverage are incidental to or
5 part of other insurance.
6 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.