

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1950 Session of
1995

INTRODUCED BY BISHOP, BELARDI, ITKIN, ROBINSON, JAMES, CARN,
YOUNGBLOOD, TRELLO, RAMOS, LAUGHLIN, KUKOVICH, HORSEY,
THOMAS, WASHINGTON AND WILLIAMS, JUNE 29, 1995

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, JUNE 29, 1995

AN ACT

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

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 5(a) of the act of July 22, 1974
9 (P.L.589, No.205), known as the Unfair Insurance Practices Act,
10 is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

11 Section 5. Unfair Methods of Competition and Unfair or
12 Deceptive Acts or Practices Defined.--(a) "Unfair methods of
13 competition" and "unfair or deceptive acts or practices" in the
14 business of insurance means:

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16 (14) Failure of an insurer to pay for emergency room
17 treatment if the treating physician certifies that the patient
18 had a reasonable basis for believing that emergency treatment
19 was necessary.

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2 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.