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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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YOUNGBLOOD AND YUDICHAK, JUNE 7, 2004

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, JUNE 7, 2004

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 26, 2001 (P.L.755, No.77), entitled "An  
2 act establishing a special fund and account for money  
3 received by the Commonwealth from the Master Settlement  
4 Agreement with tobacco manufacturers; providing for home and  
5 community-based care, for tobacco use prevention and  
6 cessation efforts, for Commonwealth universal research  
7 enhancement, for hospital uncompensated care, for health  
8 investment insurance, for medical assistance for workers with  
9 disabilities, for regional biotechnology research centers,  
10 for the HealthLink Program, for community-based health care  
11 assistance programs, for PACE reinstatement and PACENET  
12 expansion, for medical education loan assistance and for  
13 percentage allocation and appropriation of moneys," further  
14 providing for adult basic coverage insurance program.

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
16 hereby enacts as follows:

17 Section 1. Section 1303(a) of the act of June 26, 2001  
18 (P.L.755, No.77), known as the Tobacco Settlement Act, is  
19 amended to read:

20 Section 1303. Adult basic coverage insurance program.

1       (a) Program establishment.--There is established in the  
2 department an adult basic coverage insurance program. Fund  
3 appropriations to the department for the program shall be used  
4 [for contracts to provide basic health care insurance for  
5 eligible adults and outreach activities. The department shall,  
6 to the greatest extent practicable, ensure that all eligible  
7 adults in this Commonwealth have access to the program  
8 established in this section.] to implement a six-month  
9 eligibility review for individuals enrolled in and receiving  
10 insurance, provided that the Insurance Department screens the  
11 income and other eligibility requirements of recipients under  
12 this program to ensure that individuals receiving health  
13 insurance benefits continue satisfying the eligibility  
14 requirements.

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16       Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.