

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2041

Session of
2005

INTRODUCED BY NICKOL, BAKER, BELFANTI, BOYD, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CLYMER, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, CURRY, DALLY, DeLUCA, FABRIZIO, FAIRCHILD, FLEAGLE, GEORGE, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOOD, GRELL, GRUCELA, HERMAN, HESS, JOSEPHS, KAUFFMAN, KILLION, LEACH, MACKERETH, MANDERINO, MANN, MARKOSEK, MUSTIO, NAILOR, O'NEILL, REICHLEY, ROSS, RUBLEY, SAYLOR, SHAPIRO, B. SMITH, SOLOBAY, STERN, E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, WANSACZ, WATSON, WILT, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK, HARPER, M. KELLER, HARRIS, PICKETT, PAYNE, SONNEY, TURZAI AND BENNINGHOFF, OCTOBER 17, 2005

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, NOVEMBER 1, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," further providing for the
4 Health Care Provider Retention Program.

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

7 Section 1. Sections 1302-A and 1310-A of the act of June 13,
8 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, amended
9 November 29, 2004 (P.L.1272, No.154), are amended to read:

10 Section 1302-A. Abatement program.

11 There is hereby established within the Insurance Department a
12 program to be known as the Health Care Provider Retention
13 Program. The Insurance Department, in conjunction with the
14 department, shall administer the program. The program shall

1 provide assistance in the form of assessment abatements to
2 health care providers for calendar years 2003, 2004 [and], 2005
3 ~~and 2006, 2006 AND 2007~~, except that licensed podiatrists shall <—
4 not be eligible for calendar years 2003 and 2004.

5 Section 1310-A. Expiration.

6 The Health Care Provider Retention Program established under
7 this article shall expire December 31, [2006] 2008.

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